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To the Chairman and Members of the Breconshire County Council

I have the honour to present the annual report for the year 1961.

This Annual Report will reveal that although a lot remains still to be done, a lot of health progress was again made in Breconshire during the year 1961.

It is, therefore, very pleasant in this introduction, first to mention briefly that in the past twelve months:

- (1) A whole time County Domestic Help Supervisor was appointed.
- (2) A whole time County Orthopaedic Nurse was appointed
- (3) Annual serial tuberculin testing of all Breconshire school children was introduced.
- (4) Ante Natal and Infant Welfare Clinics were started at Builth Wells and at Court-y-Gollen Military Camp.

During the year too, the whole county was divided into new nursing areas. By so doing, it is hoped eventually to possess whole time Health Visitors/School Nurses, General Nurse/Midwives, Midwives and General Nurses. This does away with the long existing policy of employing nurses with multiple combined duties. It will allow in the future, each nurse to carry out those duties for which she is most expertly qualified. It may help to recruit more nurses to rural counties such as Breconshire.

Recruitment of nurses, especially District Nurses and Midwives, is becoming an ever-increasing problem in Breconshire, as in similar rural areas elsewhere in the Country.

Unless sufficient thought and planning is given to the problem at this stage, then it could by 1966 present itself as a formidable administrative headache indeed.

For in five years time over 50% of your total District nursing staff now in employment, reach compulsory retiring age, and this re-allocation of county nursing areas during the past year may prove to be one initial remedy helping to counteract this.

I have the honour to be.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

R. G. EVANS,
County Medical Officer.

County Health Department,
Watton Offices, Brecon.
October, 1962.

Constitution of the Committees concerned with matters of Public Health, during the year 1961/62.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman: Ald. J. G. Eadie, O.B.E., Fronheulog, Builth Wells.
(Deceased).

BRECON DISTRICT:

Coun. E. D. Morgan, Pantycorred, Garthbrenegy, Brecon.
Coun. H. L. Jones, 49, Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon.

BRYNMAWR DISTRICT:

Ald. James Pritchard, 4, Clydach Street, Brynmawr.
Coun. T. R. Jones, The Daren, Darenfelen Road, Brynmawr.

BUILTH DISTRICT:

Ald. J. G. Eadie, O.B.E. (Chairman), Fronheulog, Builth Wells.
(Deceased).
Coun. T. H. O. Thomas, Talwrnmaenog, Llanwrthwl.

CRICKHOWELL DISTRICT:

Coun. J. Mills Price, The Post Office, Cwmdru, Crickhowell.
Coun. Brig. G. E. Younghusband, C.B.E., Neuadd, Llanbedr,
Crickhowell.

DEVYNOC DISTRICT:

Coun. Penry Davies, Penrhiew, Trecastle.
Coun. David Lewis, M.B.E., Padest, Sennybridge.

HAY AND TALGARTH DISTRICT:

Coun. J. V. Like, Skynlais House, Church Street, Hay-on-Wye.
Coun. D. P. Hopkins, Brynteg, Bronllys, Brecon.

VAYNOR DISTRICT:

Coun. Mrs. M. E. Morgan, 3, The Copse, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.
Coun. P. Lewis, Ashfield House, Cefn Coed.

YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT:

Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.
Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.

Ald. Mrs. C. O. Williams, Plasgwyn, Abercrave.
Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.
Coun. Mrs. M. M. Prosser, Lletty Dafydd, Ystradgynlais.
Coun. F. D. Jones, 38, Station Road, Hirwaun, Nr. Aberdare.
Coun. Anthony Rees, Warwick House Warwick Road, Brynmawr.
Coun. W. J. Morris, Rhyscae, Church Road, Gilwern.

MEMBERS CO-OPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

County Ambulance Service Transport Sub-Committee.

Chairman: Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais

BRECON DISTRICT.

Coun. E. D. Morgan, Pantycorred, Garthbrenghy, Brecon.
Coun. H. L. Jones, 49, Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon.

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Coun. Anthony Rees, Warwick House, Warwick Road, Brynmawr.

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Coun. Brig. G. E. Younghusband, C.B.E., Neuadd, Llanbedr, Crickhowell.

DEFYNNOG DISTRICT.

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Coun. Penry Davies, Penrhiew, Trecastle.

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Coun. Mrs. M. E. Morgan, 3, The Copse, Trefechan, Merthyr Tydfil.

YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT.

Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.
Coun. J. E. Williams (Chairman), Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

MEMBERS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES.

BRECON AND RADNOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Vacancy.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

Brig. V. J. L. Napier, M.C., Glan Usk, Sennybridge.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Mrs. N. Garnons-Williams, Glan-Clydach, Aber, Talybont-on-Usk.
Vacancy.

TRANSPORT OFFICER.

C. H. Smith, Esq., M.B.E., W.H.S.A. Department, Priory House, 4 Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

BUILTH STATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Mrs. Violet Bond, White House, Builth Wells.

CRICKHOWELL STATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Brig. V. J. L. Napier, M.C., Glanusk, Sennybridge.

BRECON STATION REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. D. M. Richards, "Four Ways," Camden Road, Brecon.

HAY STATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Mrs. Wilson, 13, Broad Street, Hay-on-Wye.

YSTRADGYNLAIS AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. William Lewis, B.E.M., Maes-y-llan, Station Road, Ystradgynlais.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth (Chairman).

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Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

LADY MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Coun. Mrs. M. M. Prosser, Llety Dafydd, Ystradgynlais.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL.

County M.O.H. and
Principal School M.O.
(Tele. Brecon 780/1).

R. G. Evans, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Deputy C.M.O.H. and
School M.O.

J. K. Jones, L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H.

Assistant C.M.O.H. and
School M.O.

C. M. Evans, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Assistant C.M.O.H. and
S.M.O., and Dist.
Medical Officer for
Southern Districts

Creighton E. Edwards, B.Sc.,
M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

DENTAL.

Principal Dental Officer: Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe, L.D.S.

Dental Officer: Mr. P. J. George, L.D.S.

" " " Vacancy

Dental Attendant. " Miss M. Anthony.

" " Miss W. A. P. Mills.

NURSING.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Miss E. M. Main.

Brecon.

(Tele.—Brecon 780).

Health Visitors and School Nurses.

Area Covered.

Mrs. S. J. Rees,
Brynmaur.

Erynmawr Urban.

Miss S. M. Thickens,
Cefn Coed.

Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn (Cefncoedycymmer), Nantddu, Hepste Hamlet, Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan, Torpantau, Cross Bychan, Rhigos (Part), Vaynor (Cefncoedycwmmer), Vaynor (Gelly and Duffryn), Dolygaer, Cwmtaff, Vaynor (Nantddu), Llanfeigan (Pontsarn), Llandetty (Pontsticill).

Mrs. J. Silk,
9, Victoria Terrace,
Crickhowell.

Ffawyddog, Crickhowell, Llangattock, Cwmdy, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llangrwny, Grwynefechan, Tretower, Partrishow, Forest Coalpit (Part), Llanelly (Clydach), Llanelly (Darenfelen).

Miss C. Williams,
Ystradgynlais

Colbren, Penycae, Abercrave (including Isyrhos and Caerbont Hill up to Caerbont Corner), (Right hand side of Brecon Road (going Southwards) as far and including Derwen Road, Lluest, Bryn Road, Lluest Fach, Minyrhos and Dolfaen. Penwyllt, Seven Sisters and Glyntawe.

Mrs. E. G. Thomas,
Ystradgynlais.

From Caerbont Corner and left of Brecon Road (going Southwards) and all area below the Clinic, including Cwmgiedd, Cwmtawe Road, Ynis Isaf, Ynis Uchaf Cwmtwrch, Gurnos, Cynlais, and Yniscedwyn.

Health Visitors and School Nurses (Continued).—

Area Covered.

Mrs. C. M. Bowen, Hay-on-Wye.	Hay Urban and Part of Hay Rural, Llanigon, Tregoyd and Velindre, Pipton, Aberllynfi, Llanfillo, Talgarth, Bronllys and Llanellieu.
Miss M. A. Wisdom, Beulah.	Llanwrtyd, Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Llandewi-Abergwesyn, Penbualt, Treflis, Llangammarch, Gwarafog, Llanfihangel- Abergwesyn, Llanlleonfel, Llanfanafawr, Llanafanfychan.
Mrs. M. A. Francis, Brecon.	Brecon Urban (excluding Llanfaes), Dering Lines and Dorlangoch.
Miss S. S. Davies, Brecon.	St. David's Within, St. David's Without, Aberyscir, Cantref, Maescar (Defynnog), Llanspyddid, Penpont, Madrydd, Glyn, Sennybridge, Llanfihangel - Nantbran. Cray, Llandilorfarn, Trianglas, Trian- mawr, Trallong, Senny, Yscltydach.
Miss M. L. Evans, 28, Penpentre, Talybont-on-Usk. (Tele.—Talybont-on-Usk 265).	Talybont, Llanfrynach, Aber, Pencelly, Cross Oak, Llanfeigan, Cantref (Part), Llandetty, Llangynidr, Duffryn Cwannon. Aberyscir, Battle, Castlemadoc, Cradoc, Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelog, Pontfaen, Fennyfach, Lower Chapel, Upper Chapel, Garthbrengy, Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Llanfihangel Cwmdru, Llangasty, Tallyllyn, Llangorse, Llan- Tallyllyn, Llanhamlach, Llanwern, Llech- faen, Scethrog, Llansantffraed, Pennorth, Groesffordd.

District Nurses/Midwives/Health Visitors.

Mrs. F. M. Bound, Fir Tree Cottage, Talgarth. (Tele.—Talgarth 66).	Talgarth, Bronllys, Pengenffordd, Ponty- bat, Llanfillo, Llandefalle, Colebrook. Trefecca, Trefeinon, Llanellieu.
Mrs. G. Jones, Glanavon, Castle St., Builth Wells. (Tele.—Builth Wells 2165).	Builth Wells, Llandewi'r Cwm, Llan- ganten, Llangynog, Llanynis, Maesmynis. Rhosferig, Alltmawr, Cilmery.
Mrs. I. M. Williams, 42, Lansbury Road, Bryn-mawr. (Tele.—Bryn-mawr 367).	General Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting: Darenfelen, Llanelly Hill. General Nursing and Midwifery: Bryn- mawr (West).
Mrs. A. Messer, Applegarth, Erwood, Builth Wells. (Tele.—Erwood 214).	Llyswen, Crickadarn, Gwenddwr Erwood Llaneglwys.

Area Covered.

District Nurses/Midwives.

- Miss E. R. Page (Deceased) Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llandewi-Aber-
3, Trawscoed Villas, gwessin, Penbualt, Treflis, Llangammarch.
Llanwrtyd Wells. Gwarafog, Part of Llanfihangel-Aber-
(Tele.—Llanwrtyd 223). gwessin.
- Miss J. Soar, Llanigon, Glasbury, Velindre, Three Cocks,
Darren, Llanigon. Pipton, Tregoyd, Pontithel, Hay Rural
(Part), Aberllynfi.
- Miss F. M. Davies, M.B.E., Garth, Llwynmadoc, Llanafanfawr, Llan-
Dolfari, Beulah, lleonfel, Llanfihangel-Abergwessin, Part of
Llanwrtyd Wells. Treflis, Beulah, Llanafanfychan.
(Tele.—Llangammarch 212).
- Miss E. T. Thomas, Llangattock, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Cwmdru
18, Plasderwen, (Part), Tretower, Grwynefechan, Par-
Llangattock, trishow, Llangrwyney, Forest Coalpit
Crickhowell. (Part). Crickhowell.
(Tel. Crickhowell 83).
- Mrs. M. Sier, Cefn Coed, Gelly, Pontsticill, Dolygaer.
2, Crabtree Walk, Pontsarn.
Trefechan, Cefn Coed,
Nr. Merthyr Tydfil.
(Tele.—Merthyr Tydfil 852).
- Miss D. G. Berry, Brecon Urban (St. John), Battle, Llan-
2, George Street, defaelog, Merthyr Cynog, Pontfaen,
Brecon. Llanfihangel - Fechan, Lower Chapel,
(Tele.—Brecon 431). Upper Chapel, Llanddew, Fennyfach.
- Miss E. P. Stoddart, Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn, Ystradfellte.
1, Elm Grove, Pontneathvaughan.
Hirwaun.
(Tele.—Hirwaun 291).
- Miss A. E. Williams. Sennybridge, Defynnog, Pentrefelin, Cray,
Tyglyd, Llanfihangel - Nant - Bran, Llandilofane
Sennybridge Traianglas, Traianmawr, Ciliene, Trecastle,
(Tele.—Sennybridge 347). Ysclydach, Aberpedwar, Trallong, Aber-
bran, Senny.
- Mrs. Dulcie Lewis, Colbren, Penwyllt, Onllwyn, Seven Sisters
18, Brynawelon, (Part) Abercrave, Penycae, Caehopkin,
Colbren. Glyntawe.
(Tele.—Seven Sisters 292).
- Mrs. M. E. Jackson, Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Cwmdru, Llan-
22, Maes-y-felin, gorse, Llanfihangel - Talyllyn, Llangasty-
Llangorse, Brecon. Talyllyn, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog
(Tele.—Llangorse 281). Llanhamlach, Llansantfraed, Pennorth.
- Mrs. S. Marsh, Ystradgynlais and Cwmtwrch.
9, Lynden,
Gurnos,
Lower Cwmtwrch.
(Tele.—Glantawe 2265).

District Nurses/Midwives (Continued).—**Area Covered.**

Mrs. I. M. Jenkins, 12, Bank Crescent, Gilwern. (Tele. Gilwern 242).	Llanelly (Clydach), Llanelly (Darenfelen).
Mrs. A. G. Thomas, 5, Heol Sant Cattwg, Llanspyddid, Nr. Brecon. (Tel. Brecon 646).	Brecon (St. David's Within), Brecon (St. David's Without), Aberyscir, Cantref, Maescar, Llanspyddid, Penpont, Modrydd, Glyn, Felinfach.
Mrs. R. E. Panas, 2, Y Scethrog, Nr. Brecon. (Tel. Talybont 282).	Brecon (St. Mary), Llanfrynach, Llanfigan and Llandetty.

District Midwives.

Mrs. J. Price, Glanrhyd Farm, Glanrhyd, Ystradgynlais. (Tele.—Glantawe 3167).	Cwmtwrch, Ystradgynlais
Mrs. I. E. Chilton, Colindale Bungalow, Brynmawr (Tele.—Brynmawr 330)	Brynmawr (East)

District Nurses.

Nurse S. E. H. Paige, 30, Heolmeurig, Lower Cwmtwrch. (Tele.—Glantawe 3294).	Ystradgynlais.
Nurse C. Hughes, 63, Garn Road, Nantyglo, Mon. (Tele.—Brynmawr 296).	Brynmawr Urban.

Relief Nurses/Midwives.

Miss M. M. Jones, Westlyn, Garth Road, Builth Wells. (Tele.—Builth Wells 3121).	Relief Nurse, Northern Area: Builth, Llanwrtyd, Erwood, Llwynmadoc, etc.
Mrs. E. Powell, Brynglas, Brecon Road, Abercrave. (Tele.—Abercrave 252).	Relief Nurse, South Western Area: Ystradgynlais, etc.
Vacancy.	Relief Nurse, South Eastern: Brecon, Crickhowell, Hay, Talgarth, Brynmawr, etc.
Mrs. M. D. Gordon, 7, The Green, Trefechan, Cefn Coed. (Tele.—Merthyr Tydfil 3130)	Relief Nurse, Southern: Cefn and Vaynor Defynnog, etc.

ORTHOPAEDIC.

Orthopaedic Nurse.
Domestic Help
Supervisor

Mrs. G. Neat (Commenced (6/2/61).
Miss F. J. Thorogood (Commenced
14/8/61).

CHIROPODY.

Chiropodists (Part-time) Mrs. M. A. Llewellyn, 36, Gough Road,
Ystalyfera, Glam., M.Ch.S. (Registered Medical
Auxiliary).

Mr. E. H. Spencer Jones, 336, Chepstow Road,
Newport, M.Ch.S. (Registered Medical
Auxiliary).

MENTAL WELFARE.

Mental Welfare Officer. Mr. H. G. Edwards,
13, The Watton, Brecon
(Tele. Brecon 240).

Mr. T. V. Rees,
Welfare Office, Lower Bailey St., Brynmawr
(Tele. Brynmawr 254).

Mr. W. B. Hargest,
c/o Mason's Arms Talgarth
(Tele. Talgarth 50).

Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis,
3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed, Nr.
Merthyr Tydfil (Tele. Merthyr Tydfil 386).

Mr. Wm. T. Davies,
Peglers Buildings, Ystradgynlais
(Tele. Glantawe 3104)

Mr. R. I. Jones,
Y Nyth, Llanfihangel-Talyllyn, Nr. Brecon.
(Tele. Llangorse 287).

CLERICAL.

Chief Clerk.
Senior Clerk.

Mr. R. I. Jones
Mr. R. E. Page
Mr. I. Lewis
Mr. T. Jones
Miss F. J. Thorogood (Transferred to Domestic
Help Supervisor 14/8/61).
Mrs. S. J. Wall
Mrs. Margaret Powell
Miss L. R. Morgan
Mr. L. R. Price.
Mr. B. Pritchard
Miss M. Hope (Resigned 15/1/61)
Miss Janet Edwards (Resigned 31/5/61).
Miss A. S. Winstone (Commenced 20/2/61)
Miss E. G. Jones (Commenced 12/6/61)
Vacancy

Welfare Foods Clerk.

Mr. D. W. Foster.

MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban; and Rural:	}	Dr. T. C. R. George, Guild Hall, Brecon (Tel.: Brecon 26).
Builth Urban; and Rural:		
Hay Urban; and Rural:		
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban:		
Brynmawr Urban:	}	Dr. Creighton E. Edwards, (Tel. Brecon 167).
Crickhowell Rural:		
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural:		
Ystradgynlais Rural:		

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban: (Tele.—Brecon 26).	Mr. S. Jinks, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Municipal Offices, Steeple Lane, Brecon.
Brynmawr Urban: (Tele.—Brynmawr 568).	Mr. D. A. Jones, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., A.I.Hsg., Council Offices, Brynmawr.
Builth Wells Urban: (Tele.—Builth Wells 3214).	Mr. J. G. Morgan, M.R.S.H., Clovelly, Garth Road, Builth Wells.
Hay Urban: (Tele.—Hay 79).	Mr. Garfield G. Evans, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Council Offices, Belle Vue, Hay-on-Wye.
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban: (Tele.—Builth Wells 2168).	Mr. J. C. Bowen, M.R.S.H., War Memorial Institute, Llanwrtyd.
Brecon Rural: (Tele.—Brecon 531/2).	Mr. W. J. Rees, M.R.S.H., M.R.I.P.H.H., M.A.P.H.I., Ox- ford House, The Watton, Brecon.
Builth Rural: (Tele.—Builth Wells 2168).	Mr. J. C. Bowen, M.R.S.H., Wye- side, Castle Street, Builth Wells.
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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Square miles)	...	733
Area (Acres)	...	469,285
Population (1931 Census)	...	57,775
„ (1939 Census)	...	54,357
„ (1951 Census)	...	56,508
„ estimated to Middle of 1961	...	55,290
Population, 1961 Census	...	55,544
Rateable Value (1st April, 1961)	...	£549,758
Sum represented by 1d. rate, 1960/61	...	£2,107

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births	...	804
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	...	14.54
Illegitimate Live Births (percentage of total live Births)	...	3.10%
Stillbirths	...	20
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	...	24.27
Total Live and Stillbirths	...	824
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	...	24
Infant Mortality Rates.—		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	29.85
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	29.52
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	40.00
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (first four weeks)	...	26.11
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	18.65
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	42.47
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	...	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	...	Nil

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Section 21.—Health Centres: No action has been taken regarding the provision of Health Centres, nor is any action contemplated.

Section 22. — Care of Mothers and Young Children: This Section covers the following activities: — (a) Ante-natal clinics, (b) Post-natal clinics, (c) Child welfare clinics, (d) Day nurseries and residential nurseries, (e) Mother and baby homes, (f) Dental treatment given to expectant or nursing mothers, and children under 5 years of age, (g) care of premature infants, (h)

Ophthalmia Neonatorum, and Maternal Deaths, etc., and replaces the old heading of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Information and figures relating to the various sections are given below:—

Care of Premature Infants, i.e., babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth irrespective of period of gestation:—

Special equipment for the domiciliary nursing of premature infants is held at the offices of the local health authority.

If found necessary to admit such infants to hospitals, the local hospital authority would be approached by the nurse or mid-wife and the greatest possible assistance is always given in arranging accommodation.

During 1961, the number of notifications of premature births in the County after correction, was as follows—

(1) **Premature Live Births.**

(a) Total Number of Premature Live Births in the Area	58
(b) Number of Premature Live Births at Home	... 11
* (c) Number of Premature Live Births in Private Nursing Homes	... —
(d) Number of Premature Live Births in Hospital	... 47

(2) **Premature Still Births.**

(a) Total Number of Premature Still Births in the Area	13
(b) Number of Premature Still Births at Home	... 2
* (c) Number of Premature Still Births in Private Nursing Homes	... —
(d) Number of Still Births in Hospitals	... 11

*Including Maternity Homes not in the National Health Services and Mother and Baby Homes where the women are confined in the Homes.

During the year all cases of premature births have again been followed up, including those delivered in hospitals, which has necessitated the interchange of records between Local Health Authorities. The co-operation of the hospitals has been freely given and the information required is readily provided by them.

Table VIII appended to this report shows the weight of the infants at birth and the number of infants who survived 28 days.

Complicated Maternity Cases.

The investigation of cases for hospital confinements is undertaken by the department. Such cases are brought to the notice of the authority in four ways:— (1) the general practitioner, (2) the Clinic Medical Officer, (3) the midwife, or (4) the patient herself.

In each individual case, a report is then obtained on the housing conditions (or other social defects) and consideration is given to the question of whether hospital accommodation is required. Where the request for a hospital confinement is based solely on lack of assistance, this is in some cases overcome by the provision of domestic help, though the extent to which this help can be given depends on the domestic helps available and the accessibility of the home. Having decided that the case requires accommodation in hospital, a request is then made to the most convenient hospital to book for accommodation.

Three hospitals in Breconshire admit maternity cases:—

Brecon War Memorial Hospital	... 6 beds
Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital	... 7 beds
Builth Cottage Hospital	... 3 beds

In addition, accommodation is provided for Breconshire cases at the following hospitals outside the county borders:—

Hereford County Hospital
Blaina and District Hospital
St. James Hospital, Tredegar
Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, Merthyr Tydfil
St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil
Neath General Hospital
Abergavenny Cottage Hospital (occasionally)
Llandrindod County Hospital (occasionally).

It will be noted from the following figures that the admissions to hospitals for confinements show a slight decline during the year 1961, as a percentage of births taken in hospital, although the total figure of 831 births occurring in the county is the same as the previous year. The percentage of births being taken in hospitals was 74.6% for the year 1961.

The figures for the past year are as follows:—

		Total Births in County	No. of Births in Hospital	Percentage of Births in Hospital
1953	...	880	540	61.3%
1954	...	829	513	61.8%
1955	...	876	570	65.1%
1956	...	843	544	64.5%
1957	...	843	573	67.9%
1958	...	832	585	70.3%
1959	...	857	617	71.9%
1960	...	831	631	75.9%
1961	...	831	620	74.6%

The following cases were admitted to hospital at the request of the Health Department on account of bad housing, bad home conditions, or for medical reasons.

Brecon, 1; Neath General, 1; St. Tydfil's (Merthyr Tydfil), 6; Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, 6; St. James, Tredegar, 1; Amman Valley, 21; Aberdare Hospital, 4; Morriston Hospital, 7; Mount Pleasant Hospital, Swansea, 1.

Child Welfare Centres.

Child Welfare Centres are held throughout the County at the following places and at the times shown:—

Centre and Place of Meeting.	Day and Time of Meeting.
1 Abercrave—Miners' Welfare Hall..	2nd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
2 Brecon—Clinic, Watton Offices ..	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
3 Brynmawr—School Clinic ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m. (Doctors' Session).
	3rd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m. (Nurses' Session).
4 Builth Wells—Clinic, Park Road..	1st Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
5 Cefn Coed—School Clinic ..	2nd and 4th Monday in month at 2 p.m.
6 Colbren—Church Hall ..	3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
7 Crickhowell—Market Hall Clinic..	4th Thursday in month at 1-30 p.m.
8 Cwmtwrch—Miners' Welfare Hall	4th Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
9 Devynnog—Market Hall, Senny- bridge ..	3rd Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
10 Gilwern—Church Hall ..	2nd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
11 Hay—Clinic, Oxford Road ..	2nd Thursday in month at 10 a.m.
12 Hirwaun—Bethel Church Vestry..	Wednesday fortnightly.
13 Llanwrtyd Wells—War Memorial Institute ..	1st Friday in month at 2 p.m.
14 Talgarth—Town Hall ..	4th Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
15 Ystradgynlais—School Clinic ..	1st and 3rd Thursday in month at 2 p.m.
16 Tirabad—Clinic ..	4th Friday in month at 2 p.m.
17 Llangammarch Wells — Church Institute ..	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
18 Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp, Crick- howell ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.

When necessary, cases are referred to their own doctors or to Hospital for treatment or consultation.

The clinic held fortnightly at the Bethel Church Vestry, Hirwaun, is organised by the Glamorgan County Council, and mothers from the Vaynor and Penderyn district of Breconshire are catered for by arrangement with Glamorgan. Breconshire pays a proportionate cost of this clinic based on the population of the area covered and a Breconshire Health Visitor attends regularly.

A new clinic at Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp was opened during the year with the co-operation of the Commanding Officer, who kindly placed premises at our disposal for this purpose. This Clinic is more convenient for the wives and children of the military personnel stationed in the Camp and relieves the Clinic at Crickhowell.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Facilities for ante-natal examinations are provided by the local health authority at the following centres where a Medical Officer is in attendance. These clinics are held at the times and places stated:—

1. Abercrave: 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
2. Brynmawr: 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
3. Ystradgynlais: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
4. Brecon: 3rd Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
5. Hirwaun: Bethel Church Vestry, fortnightly, Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m.
6. Builth: 2nd Monday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

These clinics are held in:— One Welfare Hall and one Church Vestry, which are hired premises, and four permanent clinic premises which are owned by the Education Authority and/or the Local Health Authority.

The clinic at Hirwaun is held fortnightly by the Glamorgan County Council and persons from the Hirwaun and Penderyn portion of Breconshire attended under a joint arrangement between the two authorities.

As a result of discussions between the Local Health Authority and the Local Medical Committee, reports are sent to the General Practitioners in respect of their patients in attendance at the Ante-Natal Clinics.

Post-Natal Clinics.

There are no specially held post-natal clinics—all patients attend the ante-natal sessions.

Specialist Clinics.

There are no specialist clinics held under the auspices of the local health authority.

Assistance given at Clinics in General Practitioners' own Premises.

Assistance at one General Medical Practitioner's Surgery is now given by a midwife in the Sennybridge area. This arrangement was reached after the closure of the Council's Ante-Natal Clinic in Sennybridge (Defynnog).

Assistance was also given during the year by the local midwife to the General Medical Practitioners of Hay-on-Wye at their group practice surgery. The Health Visitor from Radnorshire was also invited by the local General Medical Practitioners to co-operate with the Breconshire Midwife.

Blood Testing.

Arrangements are made for collecting blood specimens at the clinics and these are sent to the National Blood Transfusion Laboratory at Cardiff, and elsewhere.

The findings are in all cases reported to the patients' General Medical Practitioners.

A special session is held at the Ystradgynlais Clinic on the 4th Tuesday of each month, for collecting blood specimens.

Liaison Committee.

During 1960, local maternity liaison committees were set up by the Executive Health Council and the Local Health Authority Medical Staff.

The first of such Committees met at Ystradgynlais on the 19th May, 1960, and this was followed by meetings at Crickhowell, Hay-on-Wye and Builth Wells.

A Local Maternity meeting is also convened by the Breconshire and Radnorshire Hospital Management Committee's Consultant Obstetric Surgeon, Mr. M. Maliphant, from time to time.

In my Annual Health Report for the year 1960 I mentioned the intention of extending the Ante-Natal Services in the County by the introduction of an Ante-Natal Clinic Session at Builth Wells. I am pleased to report this year that this extension was executed and an Ante-Natal Clinic Session is now held at the Builth Wells Clinic on the 2nd Monday of each month.

The Personal Maternity Card which I introduced into the County of Breconshire in 1960 is still being used by the General Medical Practitioners, Local Authority's Medical Officers and Midwives. Record cards are issued from my Department on request.

Towards the end of 1961 a meeting which was convened by the Group Secretary of the Glantawe Hospital Management Committee was informed that the Welsh Hospital Board had asked Hospital Management Committees to take all necessary steps to reorganise Maternity Liaison Committees in their areas. Thus came into being the Maternity Liaison Committee for this area, upon which will be found representatives of the Hospital and Specialist Services. Local Health Authorities, and the Local Medical Committees of Swansea, Glamorgan, Carmarthen-shire and Breconshire. Mr. Vyvyan Davies was nominated as the Chairman.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children in the District—

Arrangements are made with the Swansea and Brecon Moral Welfare Association to carry out this work in return for grant paid, the Health Authority being responsible for the maintenance of the mother for approximately one month before the confinement and for a period of 14 days after birth. Maintenance after this date becomes the responsibility of the Welfare Committee. A grant of £100 p.a. is also given to the Association.

During the year arrangements were made for the accommodation of one mother at St. Martin's, Hereford.

Family Planning Clinics.

The Family Planning Association commenced holding Family Planning Clinics at two of the Breconshire County Council Clinics, on the 7th October, 1960.

These Clinics are staffed by voluntary workers and patients can be referred direct to the appropriate clinic. Prior appointments need not be made at present.

The Breconshire County Council has granted the use of both these clinic premises free of charge for the purpose of holding the "Family Planning Clinics" and the County Council also gives a grant towards the funds of the Breconshire Branch of the Family Planning Association.

The clinics are held as follows:—

Brecon: The Clinic, Watton Offices, Brecon.

1st and 3rd Fridays in each month from 5.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Builth Wells: The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells.

2nd and 4th Mondays in each month, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mothercraft Training.

No special clinics are held for this purpose since all advice is given by the health visitors in the course of their rounds.

Maternity Outfits.

Maternity outfits are distributed free of charge to expectant mothers by the midwives who are booked for the cases. The outfit provided is a standard sterilised pack, supplied by a manufacturer of surgical dressings.

Necessary items required for the lying in, which are not included in the maternity outfit, are provided by the midwife attending the case.

Day Nurseries, Hospitals for Children, and Mother and Baby Homes.

There are none in the County. The Education Committee has one Nursery School at Brynmawr.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Number of cases in 1961 in which

(a) vision was unimpaired	... Nil
(b) vision impaired	... Nil
(c) vision lost	... Nil
(d) patient died	... Nil
(e) patient still under treatment at end of year	... Nil
(f) patient removed from district	... Nil
(g) classification under above heads cannot be made...	Nil

Maternal Deaths.

There were no deaths of mothers during the year.

Supply of Dried Milk.

The supply of proprietary brands of dried milk is not undertaken at the clinics. The demand for the various brands is so small that stocks would deteriorate before being used. In parts of the County there is a system of chits being used which enable Cow and Gate or Ostermilk to be purchased from the local chemists at a slightly cheaper rate. This scheme is dependent on the readiness of the local chemists to honour these vouchers or even to stock the brand of milk. Many chemists consider that the demand is so small that they do not feel it justifies them taking part in any scheme.

This question is constantly under review, together with the possibility of providing other medicaments at Clinics.

Distribution of Welfare Foods.

Formal approval was given by the Welsh Board of Health to the Council's Scheme for the distribution of Welfare Foods on the 8th November, 1954, and the scheme continues to function with 6 main Distribution Centres and 24 voluntary distributors from shops and private dwellings.

The main centres are manned by an officer engaged for this purpose and from the following times of distribution it will be seen that his time is fully taken up by these centres, and leaves little opportunity for other work. These main Centres are as follows and open on the days and times stated.

<u>District.</u>	<u>Address of Centre.</u>	<u>Day.</u>	<u>Times.</u>
Builth Wells	.. The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells	Monday	10 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Brynmawr	.. The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmawr	Tuesday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Ystradgynlais	.. The Clinic, Derwen Road, Ystradgynlais	Wednesday	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Hay-on-Wye	.. Clinic, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye		10 a.m. 12.30 p.m.
Crickhowell	.. The Clinic, Market Hall, Crickhowell	Thursday	2 p.m. 4 p.m.
Brecon	.. Health Dept., Watton Offices, Brecon	Fridays	10 a.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

Mr. E. R. Morgan, Pentwyn, Gilwern, continues to give his services free and delivers Welfare Foods to these voluntary distributors from the main centre at Crickhowell. Much useful work is done by Mr. Morgan in assisting the small shopkeepers to check stores and complete their returns. For this service Mr. Morgan is merely re-imbursed for mileage covered in his car.

Delivery of Welfare Foods is made to Llanwrtyd Wells on Monday afternoons, as necessary, by the Welfare Foods Officer from Builth Wells. Mrs. Pease, of Campsie, Llanwrtyd Wells thereafter distributes the National Dried Milk, etc., to various points in the area such as Tirabad, Beulah and Llangammarch. For undertaking this service she is re-imbursed for mileage similar to Mr. E. R. Morgan, of Gilwern.

Again I offer my thanks this year to both these two volunteers, and to all the voluntary distributors who have distributed milk from their homes, shops, or centre provided by the County Council. Their help has permitted us to continue to run this scheme so smoothly.

The distribution of Welfare Foods at Sennybridge is now undertaken on behalf of the Breconshire County Council by volunteers of the St. John's Ambulance Association, from the Market Hall, Sennybridge.

The amount of Welfare Foods distributed is not large, but as stated previously, the nature of the County makes it necessary that some centres issuing small amounts must remain open to provide the necessary service.

The following items were issued during 1961:—

National Dried Milk	... 19,245
Orange Juice	... 11,579
Cod Liver Oil	... 1,896
Vitamin Tablets 'A' and 'D'	... 1,256

The following list gives the names and addresses of the volunteers who distribute National Dried Milk, etc.

Name and Address of persons supplying Welfare Foods.	Times when available to patients.
Miss M. Davies, National School House, 'Trecastle	.. When at home.
St. Johns' Members, Market Hall, Sennybridge	.. Wednesday. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Mr. W. Jones, Beacon Stores, Brynawr	.. Shop hours.
Mr. G. Watkins, Holland Stores, 221, King Street, Brynawr	.. Shop hours.
Mr. K. F. Lewis, 1, Llwynybryn, Colbren	.. Daily — No hours specified.
Mrs. A. M. Davies, 75, Yniswen, Penycae	.. Daily — No time specified.
M. Powell, Post Office, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais	.. Daily — 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Name and Address of persons supplying Welfare Foods.	Times when available to patients.
Mr. D. Watkins, Talybont-on-Usk ..	Shop hours.
Mr. E. Williams, Lydenburg Stores, Talybont ..	Shop hours.
Mrs. S. Pope, General Stores, Bwlch..	Daily — Shop hours.
Mrs. P. Williams, Summersfield, Llangynidr ..	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. E. L. James, Post Office, Llanbedr	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. C. Hamer, Cwmdu ..	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. P. Morris, Main Road, Gilwern..	Daily — Shop hours.
Mr. J. Williams, Chapel House, Clydach	Daily — Shop hours.
Mrs. J. Eynon, Llewellyn Row, Llanelly Hill ..	Daily — Shop hours.
Mrs. Peace, Campsie, Llanwrtyd Wells	When at home.
Mr. A. Price, Grocer, Heolydwr, Hay-on-Wye ..	Shop hours.
Evans Stores, Talgarth ..	Shop hours.
Mrs. Jeffs, 3, Groveside, Glasbury ..	When at home (O.J. and C.L.O. only).
Mrs. M. Price, Post Office, Llanfillo ..	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. L. J. Davies, Cartrefle, Llan-Talyllyn ..	Daily — No time specified.
Mrs. Richards, Lamb Inn, Penderyn ..	When at home
Mrs. James, 98, High Street, Cefn Coed	Shop hours.

Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children, 1961.

Dental treatment is provided for expectant and nursing mothers and children under five years of age by the School Dental Officers at the following clinics:— Brecon, Brynmawr, Builth, Cefn Coed, Crickhowell, Ystradgynlais and Hay-on-Wye.

73 mothers were examined and 85 were treated. This apparent contradiction is explained by the fact that a number of mothers who were examined in 1960 continued to receive treatment in 1961. 53 mothers were made dentally fit.

41 children under 5 years were examined, 31 being found to require treatment. 21 were rendered dentally fit.

Detailed figures of patients examined and the treatment carried out are shown in Table VII.

Section 23 — Midwifery Services.

Under the provisions of Section 23 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the local health authority fulfilled its obligations by covering its area with a sufficient number of qualified midwives to meet the needs thereof. To this end the Authority had in its employ on the 31st December, 1961, 1 whole-time and 24 part-time midwives, giving an equivalent whole-time

staff of 9.3 midwives available to attend upon women being confined in their own homes. In addition to these there were 1 private midwife and 15 hospital midwives practising in the County during 1961, the total number of practising midwives during the year being 44.

One Superintendent Nursing Officer is employed who is also the Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives. Periodic inspections are made to the midwives employed by the local health authority, and visits are made to midwives not employed by the local health authority.

The midwifery work is mainly undertaken by District Nurse/Midwives and in 4 instances by District Nurse/Midwives/Health Visitors. At present there are insufficient night calls to warrant a night rota system. In some areas, i.e., Ystradgynlais, Abercrave, Cefn Coed, Brecon and Builth Wells, there are whole time relief District Nurses/Midwives. Other areas are relieved by District Nurse/Midwives in adjoining areas.

Tables dealing with midwifery, notification of births, etc., are given below:—

Supervision of Midwives—

Forty-three Midwives notified their intention to practice in the County, viz., 41 resident and 2 border midwives.

Of the above—

15 were resident in Institutions.

1 was in independent practice.

2 Radnorshire midwives functioning in Breconshire, by arrangement between the Authorities.

25 were employed by the Breconshire County Council.

Ante-Natal Supervision by Midwives—

Domiciliary midwives undertake ante-natal supervision of their patients. This supervision is backed by a comprehensive service provided by the general practitioners, the local health authority at their ante-natal clinics, and the Hospital Service.

The domiciliary midwives work in close co-operation with the local general practitioners undertaking maternity medical services. They attend with these patients whenever required to do so, at the doctors' surgeries. Doctors are notified of births by the Public Health Department within a week of the notification of birth being received. This has been arranged at the instigation of the Local Medical Committee.

Notification from Midwives during 1961—

160 Forms of sending for Medical Aid were received:— 145 for mothers and 15 for children.

An analysis of the causes for summoning medical aid is given below:—

For the Mother:—

Episiotomy	...	6
Toxaemia	...	1
Profuse Lochia	...	1
Miscarriage, Abortion, actual or threatened	...	5
Multipara	...	1
Systolic Rise	...	1
Uterine Inertia	...	2
Offensive Lochia	...	2
Unsatisfactory condition of breast	...	1
Failing of Foetal Heart	...	2
Discharge	...	1
Inflamed Perineum	...	2
Haemorrhage ante and post partum	...	7
Prolonged, obstructed and labour inertia	...	19
Malpresentation or Malposition	...	2
Retained or adherent placenta or membranes	...	5
Ruptured perineum	...	68
Unsatisfactory condition of mother	...	3
Pyelitis	...	1
Breech	...	2
Premature Labour	...	2
Albuminuria	...	1
Foetal Distress	...	2
Oedema, legs	...	2
Early rupture of membranes	...	2
Raised Blood Pressure	...	3
Raised Temperature	...	1

For the Child—

Shock	...	1
Poor Colour	...	1
Cyanosis	...	1
Jaundice	...	2
Unsatisfactory conditions	...	1
Oedema of Eyes	...	1
Sticky Eyes	...	1
Premature	...	2
Convulsions	...	1
Infant dead	...	1
Haemorrhage of Eye	...	1

In some cases, one Medical Aid Form was used for several different causes.

Fees of Doctors called in under Midwives Act, 1918—Section 14 and N.H.S. (Amendment) Act, 1949, Section 29 (2).

No. of cases in which General Practitioners	}	Nil
claimed payment in respect of Medical		
Aid Forms		
Total amount of Claims paid	...	Nil

Breaches of Central Midwives Board Rules.

No breaches of the rules occurred in the year.

Administration of Analgesics.

25 Midwives employed by the local health authority are qualified to administer gas and air analgesia to patients under their care. The authority has supplied apparatus to all these midwives.

1. Number of midwives in practice in the area, including private and hospital nurses qualified to administer analgesics, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Midwives Board:—

(a) Domiciliary	... 25
(b) In Institutions	... 13
	—
Total	... 38
2. Number of cases in which analgesics were administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year—

(a) Gas and Air	... 125
(b) Trilene	... 5
3. Number of midwives trained in the year ... —
4. Total number of sets of Minnitts Gas and Air Apparatus supplied by the Council ... 25
5. Number of cases in which Pethilofan was administered by Midwives in Domiciliary practice during the year ... 15

Refresher Courses for Midwives.

There are no facilities for holding refresher courses for midwives within the County.

During the year, 5 midwives attended approved refresher courses at Cardiff, Exeter and Kingston-upon-Hull.

All midwives employed by the Authority comply with the "Midwives Rules Approval Instrument No. 1955," having attended refresher courses within the prescribed time limits

Special provision was also made during this year for two newly appointed midwives to undergo a period of practical refresher training at Maternity Hospital, Glossop Terrace, Cardiff extended over a period of two weeks.

Training of Pupil Midwives.

No facilities exist for the actual training of pupil midwives within the County.

Notification of Births.

The following notifications of births were received during the year:— Live Births 620; Still Births, 6; making a total of 626.

These births were attended by:—

District Nurse Midwives: County	209; Border	2...	211
Private Midwives: County		...	0
Hospital and Institutional Midwives		...	415

Number of Births notified in the Authority's Area during 1961 under Section 203 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as adjusted by any transferred notifications:—

(a) Live Births, 812; (b) Still Births, 19; (c) Total, 831.

Section 24—Health Visiting.

The health visiting staff consists of 1 Superintendent Nursing Officer and 14 part-time health visitors, who also act as school nurses and/or district nurses, 4 of these nurses perform duties of Health Visitors under dispensation by the Minister of Health.

The Health Visitors visit monthly, children under one year of age and thereafter at three-monthly intervals those between one and five years, although the two year olds are visited more frequently.

During the first part of 1961 the Health Visitors were also required to investigate cases of domestic help, but in August they were relieved of the necessity to make such visits by the appointment of a full time Domestic Help Supervisor.

The Superintendent Nursing Officer also ceased to undertake the duties of Domestic Help Supervisor which appointment she held part-time.

In addition to health visiting of expectant mothers and nursing mothers of young children, the health visiting staff works in close co-operation with the hospitals. When notices of discharges are received from the hospitals these are forwarded to the appropriate health visitors for the area, giving the diagnosis, treatment and recommendation as to further treatment. In some instances the health visitor, being also the district nurse, undertakes any practical nursing required.

The County Council offer allowances of 75% of the minimum salary of Health Visitor, for the duration of the course to suitable qualified persons who are prepared to train for the Health Visitor's Certificate, plus the usual allowance made by the Breconshire County Council in respect of uniform and laundry, as well as reasonable travelling expenses, tuition and examination fees incurred in pursuing the training course approved by the County Council. Training is generally undertaken as a combined training, under the auspices of the Queen's Institution of District Nursing or at some other recognised course.

One nurse, who commenced training for the Health Visitors Certificate during 1960, was appointed H.V. in Breconshire upon qualifying.

Training of Health Visitors is now subject to financial pooling arrangement, somewhat similar to Midwives Training. The expenditure of the Authority will be adjusted by a further claim against them, or by re-imbursement of excess expenditure.

There are no facilities for the training of student health visitors within the County.

Particulars of the number of visits paid to mothers and babies are to be found in Table VI appended.

Refresher Courses for Health Visitors.

During the year, 3 Health Visitors attended a refresher course in London, during January 1961. The course was on screening tests of the hearing of children aged from seven months to five years.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Ante Natal.

Classes have continued weekly using the gymnasium at Breconshire War Memorial Hospital. Response was slow at the commencement but has since improved. A few patients have been referred by their doctors, some from the ante-natal clinics, but most of the patients hear of the classes from their friends and apply individually.

Teaching is given in exercises, relaxation, ante-natal preparation and prophylaxis. At 36 weeks of pregnancy the gas/air machine is demonstrated and patients taught to use it.

In all, 18 patients have attended the Brecon classes, and it is intended in 1961 to extend these classes to the whole County when equipment becomes available. Teaching classes, using flannelgraphs for illustration, are given in the ante-natal clinics at Abercrave and Ystradgynlais.

Mothers' classes are held in Brynmawr by the Health Visitor once a month, when it is hoped to include subjects by visiting speakers, e.g., mental health, domestic economy, etc.

Individual teaching is given by the Health Visitors in all Infant Welfare Clinics.

Lung Cancer.

Health Education in relation to lung cancer has only been brought to bear against the school child. Posters are available for this purpose and are distributed at schools and by school nurses and health visitors. The Medical Staff and Nursing Staff are, however, always conscious of the need to stress the dangers associated with smoking and lung cancer, as and when opportunity arises.

Section 25 — Home Nursing.

A whole-time nursing service is provided by the local health authority. The staff consists of 3 whole-time and 25 part-time nurses, giving an equivalent of 16 full-time nurses. The nurses in the various districts co-operate to the fullest extent and work in conjunction with the general practitioners. The supervision of the nursing in the home is exercised by the Superintendent Nursing Officer. Liaison with the hospital and domiciliary nursing service does not generally exist in a direct nature. In the small hospitals within the County, the doctors at the hospitals are normally the general practitioners who are already in close contact with the district nurses. In the case of the large base hospitals situated outside the county, the patient's doctor is aware of the requirements of discharged cases and he requests what attention is necessary. Also, as in the case of health visitors, hospitals contact the department when they require domiciliary nursing of any case being discharged.

Two District Nurses attended refresher courses during the year. This was a special course on "Care of the Aged," which was held at Birmingham by the Royal College of Nursing, from the 27th February to the 4th March, 1961.

Classification and Proportion of Main Types of Cases attended by Home Nurses.

During the year, 2,498 patients were nursed in the homes and 50,916 visits were made.

These cases were classified as follows:—

	Patients	Visits.
Medical	... 1,813	41,116
Surgical	... 425	6,754
Infectious Diseases	... 9	42
Tuberculosis	... 28	1,912
Maternal Complications	10	82
Others	... 213	1,010

Further analysis of the above figures shows that 867 patients were over 65 years of age, and 163 were under 5 years, and that 27,643 and 1,163 visits were made respectively to these patients.

Of the patients visited, 416 received more than 24 visits during the year and 34,482 visits were actually made to these older patients.

The average number of visits per case for all patients works out at 20.4 visits each.

The lack of recruitment of suitably qualified general nurses/midwives to the county areas presents an increasing problem.

Some members of the nursing staff have passed retiring age, but are continuing to give conscientious service to the community among whom they have lived and worked for many years.

In an endeavour to recruit suitably qualified staff the Local Health Authority has agreed to the re-allocation of Nursing Areas and duties and it is hoped to employ Whole Time Health Visitors and School Nurses, General Nurse/Midwives, Midwives and General Nurses. Eventually this will result in an increase of the total staff establishment of one additional Nurse.

As a result of this policy we are pleased to say that we only have one vacancy on the Health Visiting Staff at the end of the year and there is every prospect of having additional persons in training during 1962.

The General Nursing and Midwifery side I regret however, is likely to become difficult in 1962 due to retirements.

Section 26 — Vaccination and Immunisation.

Under the provision of Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, arrangements are made for Smallpox vaccination and immunisation against diphtheria to be carried out by the general practitioners and at clinics by the local health authority's Medical Officers.

Health Visitors in their visits to the homes encourage the parents to avail themselves of the opportunity of having the children vaccinated against Smallpox.

Health Visitors also encourage the mothers to bring their children to the clinics for immunisation against diphtheria or take them to the general practitioner.

The suggested timetable for immunisation procedures which was formulated last year and brought into operation, appears to be fulfilling its intended purpose. A card giving details of the immunising programme is inserted in the Infant Welfare Record Card when sent to the Health Visitor from the Department. This programme is then handed to the mother at the time of the first visit.

Slight amendment was made in the timetable in the light of current medical opinion and the notice which is given to the parent lays down the programme which is as follows:—

“IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME IN BRECONSHIRE.

The following advice is given to all parents about vaccination and immunisation of their children. It is suggested that these times should be adhered to as strictly as possible so that uniformity throughout the County will enable the vaccinations and immunisations to be carried out smoothly and efficiently.

TO ALL PARENTS—

- Within the first 5 years—** Have your child vaccinated against Smallpox.
- At age 2 months—** Have 1st injection against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.
- At age 3 months—** Have 2nd injection against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.
- At age 4 months—** Have 3rd injection against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.
- At 6 months—** Have 1st injection Poliomyelitis immunisation.
- At 7 months—** Have 2nd injection Poliomyelitis immunisation.
- At 14 months—** Booster Poliomyelitis immunisation.
- At 16 months—** Booster Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.
- At 5 years and 10 years of age—** Booster Diphtheria, Tetanus, in school
- At 13 years of age—** Have your child T.B. vaccinated (i.e. B.C.G.) if necessary.

R. G. EVANS,

Revised, Dec., 1960.

County Medical Officer."

The following figures supplied by the Welsh Board of Health show the percentage vaccinated against smallpox, whooping cough, poliomyelitis and diphtheria, as at 31st December, 1961—

BRECONSHIRE		PERCENTAGE VACCINATED.			
Smallpox	Whooping	Poliomyelitis	Diphtheria		
under 1	Cough	Under 19	Age 0-4	Age 0-14	
31%	69%	86%	62%	68%	

The following tables show the work carried out in the County during 1961.

(a) Vaccination—

Vaccination can be carried out by the family doctors at their surgeries at the request of the parents and is now undertaken by the County Council Medical Staff. Practitioners who have expressed a wish to undertake this work are supplied with lymph free of charge on request to the appropriate Public Health Laboratory, and record cards are supplied from the Health Department on which to enter the necessary particulars, these cards being returned to the County Medical Officer for statistical purposes and for payment to the General Practitioner.

Vaccination is free of charge to the patient.

Figures of persons vaccinated each year from 1948 to 1961 are given below:—

Year.	Primary Vaccination.	Re-Vaccination.
1948	89	17
1949	112	16
1950	141	25
1951	215	69
1952	170	36
1953	191	30
1954	252	44
1955	160	40
1956	270	64
1957	252	40
1958	250	78
1959	343	86
1960	419	49
1961	333	85

Figures for persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) in 1961.

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated ...	262	14	17	12	28	333
Number Re-Vaccinated	—	—	2	18	65	85

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation—

Diphtheria Immunisation work is being carried out quite satisfactorily at the various Infant Welfare Centres, on school premises and clinics, and from the figures obtainable to the end of the year, there is no doubt that the scheme is working most efficiently. In addition, children are immunised by private practitioners at their surgeries, and record cards are provided by the Health Department. Completed records are returned for statistical purposes.

Number of children immunised during the year 1961 by Officers of the Council and by General Practitioners.

District	Primary Immunisation		Totals	Re-inforcing Dose
	Under 5	5—14		
Brecon Urban ...	92	13	105	170
Brynmawr Urban ...	86	26	112	72
Builth Urban ...	27	1	28	48
Hay Urban ...	23	1	24	35
Llanwrtyd Urban ...	8	—	8	4
Brecon Rural ...	85	15	100	194
Builth Rural ...	33	13	46	39
Crickhowell Rural ...	106	52	158	179
Hay Rural ...	47	10	57	71
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural ...	42	29	71	32
Ystradgynlais Rural ...	146	59	205	344
Totals, 1961 ...	695	219	914	1188
Totals, 1960 ...	648	205	853	2174

(c) Immunisation against Whooping Cough.

The immunisation against Whooping Cough, like other injections, can be given at the County Council Clinics and Schools or by the general medical practitioners at their own surgeries or in the homes.

The Council's Scheme for Vaccination and Immunisation Section 26, was extended in 1954 to include the inoculation of children against whooping cough.

Antigen is supplied to General Practitioners for the combined inoculation against Diphtheria-Pertussis, or a Whooping Cough vaccine itself.

(d) Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

The scheme for the vaccination of children and adults against poliomyelitis continued to work very smoothly throughout the year.

Sessions for vaccination were held during the day at School Clinics, and also during the evenings for the older persons. Every opportunity has been given to persons to avail themselves of the facilities offered so that they could receive vaccination. Public notices were displayed showing the monthly programmes arranged throughout the country, and inviting eligible persons to attend at any of the clinics mentioned. Once a person registered for vaccination or had received the first injection they automatically received appointments thereafter at the appropriate times for subsequent injections.

The Scheme was again, during the year, extended by Circular 15/61 (Wales) from the Welsh Board of Health, dated 12th April, 1961, advocating that a fourth re-inforcing injection be given to all children entering school (normally at five years of age). This fourth injection was immediately offered to children between the ages of 5 years and 12 years.

Consequently the work of introducing the fourth injection was started forthwith in April, 1961. At that time there were approximately 5,000 children to be given a fourth re-inforcing injection, 1,300 by their own General Medical Practitioners and 3,700 at the Authority's Clinics. By the middle of June, 1961, 2,700 of those to be given the fourth injection had been given it. The figures will indicate that by the end of the year the majority of children had been given their booster injection.

Visits were made to collieries and factories in Breconshire to vaccinate the personnel.

The following information as at the end of 1961 will give some indication of the overall picture—

	By Council's Medical Officers.	By G.Ps.	At Evening Sessions.	Totals
Number of persons who had been given 2 injections up to the end of 1961 ...	9,098	6,523	5,385	21,006
Of the above number, the following persons had been given 3 injections up to the end of 1961 ...	7,166	5,122	4,634	16,922
Of the above number, the following persons had been given 4 injections up to the end of 1961 ...	3,015	1,186	641	4,842

Section 27—Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance Services in the County are undertaken by the St. John's Welsh Home Ambulance Service Association who act as sole agents for the County.

Eight ambulances are used in the service—four provided directly by the Authority and four provided by St. John. All are however, under the direct control of St. John's for operational purposes. The day to day administration is the responsibility of the County Medical Officer on behalf of the Local Health Authority. The ambulance arrangements remain as follows:— St. John Ambulance Stations are established at Brecon, Builth Crickhowell, Hay, Brynmawr and Ystradgynlais.

1. Brecon Ambulances.—Two ambulances cover Brecon Borough and the whole of Brecon Rural District.
2. Builth Ambulance covers Builth Urban, Llanwrtyd Urban, and Builth Rural District, with the exception of the parish of Llanwrthwl at the very north of the County. This ambulance will also, by arrangement with Radnorshire, in emergency cases only, continue to cover as heretofore a small area of the County adjoining Builth Urban, viz., the parishes of Llanelwedd, Llansantffraed-in-Elvel, Aberedw, Dissert, Rhulen, Llanbadarn-y-garreg, Llanfared, and Cregrina, Glas-cwm and Colva. Radnorshire, on their part covers for us the three Breconshire parishes of Llys-dinam, Llanfihangel Brynpabuan, and Llanwrthwl in the north of the County by their ambulance from Llandrindod Wells.
3. Hay Ambulance covers Hay Urban and Hay Rural Districts together with the Radnorshire District of Painscastle Rural and parishes of Newchurch and Michaelchurch-on-Arrow.
4. Crickhowell Ambulance covers the whole of the Crickhowell Rural District, other than Clydach and Darenfelen Areas.
5. Brynmawr Ambulance.—This ambulance covers Brynmawr, Clydach and Darenfelen.
6. Ystradgynlais Ambulances.—Two ambulances, owned by the local health authority in this area operate within the framework of the County Ambulance Service, are controlled by St. John's and are subject to the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health.

The Welsh Home Service Ambulance Committee acts as sole agent of the Authority for the above areas of the County and operates the Brecon, Builth, Hay, Crickhowell, Brynmawr and Ystradgynlais ambulances on terms mutually agreed and as may be approved by the Minister of Health from time to time. The Welsh Home Service Ambulance Committee is responsible for the operation and maintenance of an efficient ambulance service in these areas.

Apart from what has been mentioned above, in connection with Radnorshire, there are two areas of the County, both situated on the southern border, for which arrangements have been made for them to be covered by outside authorities as follow:—

- (a) Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District, including the Brecon Rural appendage of Hepste. Glamorgan has undertaken to cover this area in their scheme by their ambulances stationed at Seven Sisters, Glynneath and Aberdare.
- (b) The Village of Cefn Coed and the adjoining Parish of Vaynor (Pontsticill). The Borough of Merthyr Tydfil has undertaken to include this area in their ambulance scheme.

Since a considerable number of people live in the rural part of the Penderyn parish situated on the eastern border of this parish where it adjoins the parish of Vaynor but live within easy access of the main Brecon-Merthyr road, arrangements have been made that these people should be covered for ambulance purposes by the Merthyr Borough, even though they actually live within part of the area for which Glamorgan has undertaken responsibility since it is much more easy to obtain ambulance transport from Merthyr and Merthyr General Hospital is the one to which they always go when in need.

The arrangements with the Border Counties have worked satisfactorily, and I think it can be reported again that the scheme is working very well.

A County Ambulance Transport Committee meets regularly and includes representatives of the County Council, the Ystradgynlais District Ambulance Association, the Regional Hospital Board, and co-opted representatives of other interested bodies, together with the Welsh Home Service Ambulance Association, who operate the service.

The ambulances are mainly situated at garages under contract agreements between St. John and the proprietors, with the exception of the Ystradgynlais ambulances which are housed in a County Council garage at which three whole-time drivers are employed by St. John. It must be pointed out that in the Ystradgynlais area the ambulances also undertake the conveyance of all sitting case patients as well as those requiring ambulance transport.

Ambulance Station Telephone Numbers.—Table IX appended to this report gives the telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County. These numbers are not necessarily the same as those exhibited in Telephone Exchanges to which all emergency calls are directed. For instance, the emergency calls for Brynmawr are relayed to Caerleon 283. A local arrangement exists whereby calls directed to Monmouthshire are immediately referred to the Brynmawr station or, if need be, the calls are answered by Monmouthshire.

Sitting Car Service.

This service is running quite efficiently and works as follows:—

Each medical practitioner, midwife, hospital matron, etc., is supplied with voucher books authorising journeys to be made by private car at the expense of the local health authority in all cases where by reason of physical or mental defect the patient is unable to travel by public conveyance, and the starting point is situated within the County. The charges permitted are agreed by the local health authority, who advertise for tenders from car proprietors who are willing to undertake the conveyance of

patients. For this purpose the County is divided into 13 areas which are covered by 10 contractors. The following table shews the contractors and the parishes covered since 1/4/61. The contract for conveyance of sitting patients is for a period of three years. The present contracts will thus remain in operation until 31st March, 1964. At Ystradgynlais, sitting patients are conveyed by the ambulances since whole-time personnel are employed. Cefn Coed and Penderyn, although not covered by an official contractor, present no difficulties, much of the work being done by the bordering authority on our behalf, and cases are conveyed by local garage proprietors.

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts.
1.	T. J. Brown & Sons... 1, George St., Brynmawr.	Brynmawr, Darenfelen, and Clydach.
2.	W. F. Price, Herbert Villa, New Road, Crickhowell	.... Llangynidr, Bwlch and Cwmdr.
3.	W. F. Price, Herbert Villa, New Road, Crickhowell.	.. Crickhowell, Gilwern, Grwynefawr, Grwynefechan, Llanbedr, Llangattock, Llangenny, Partrishow.
4.	Brecon Motors Ltd., Watton, Brecon.	Borough of Brecon. Parishes of Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelogfach, Battle, Aberyscir, Vennyfach, Llanspyddid, St. David's Without, Glyn, Modrydd, Can- tref, Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach, Llanwern, Llansantfraed, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Llan- gasty Talyllyn, Cathedine, Llangorse, Llanfillo, and Llanfigan (excepting Tor- pantau) and Llandetty (excepting Ponto- ticill and Dolygaer).
5.	Central Garage (Brecon) Ltd., Usk Garage, Sennybridge.	.. Parishes of Llandeilorfan, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Trallong, Yscltydach, Traian- mawr, Traianglas, Cray, Senny, Maescar, and Penpont.
6 and 7.	No Contractor s	Vaynor, Penderyn and Ystradfellte.
8.	W. R. Powell, The Garage, Llanwrtyd.	.. Urban District of Llanwrtyd, and Parishes of Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Pen- bualt, Gwarafog, Llanafanfegan, Llan- lleonfel, Llanafanfawr, Llanfihangel Abergwessin, Llandewi Abergwessin, Treflis.
9.	H. T. Price Ltd., Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells.	.. Urban District of Builth and Parishes of Rhosferig, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maes- mynis, Llangynog, Llandewi'r Cwm and Alltmawr.

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts.
10.	H. T. Price Ltd., Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells.	.. Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam (Breconshire) and Llanfihangel Brynpabuan.
11.	H. V. Webb and Sons Lion Garage, Hay-on-Wye	.. Urban District of Hay, and Parishes of Hay Rural, Llanigon, and Tregoyd and Velindre.
12.	A. H. P. Davies, New Inn, Talgarth.	.. Talgarth, Llanelieu, Llandefalle (Southern half), Bronllys, Aberllynfi and Pipton.
13.	H. T. Price Ltd., Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells.	.. Llyswen, Gwenddwr, Crickadarn, Llande- falle (Northern half).

No tenders were received in respect of Districts No. 6 and 7—
Vaynor, Penderyn and Ystradfellte.

Apart from the above, there were no difficulties encountered.

It is pointed out that no tenders were invited and, therefore, no contracts entered into in respect of the Ystradgynlais District, in view of the fact that this district is at present adequately covered by the County Council's ambulances operating in that district.

The Ambulance Service in Breconshire has no 24-hour central control but on the whole the service operates very smoothly indeed, in spite of this. Much consideration has been given to the question of central control and the question has also been subjected to considerable investigation by the officers of the Welsh Board of Health and the Ministry of Health, with the conclusion that a compromise has been arranged whereby a 24-hour service is guaranteed by the garages, and the County Health Department can act as central control during office hours. Calls for sitting cars during the day are normally made from hospitals outside the County to the County Health Department or to one of the ambulance stations. Requests from doctors within the County are made direct to the various contractors.

The limit of 40 miles, over which it is necessary to obtain prior approval from the County Medical Officer, continues to be imposed and has enabled the local health authority to combine a considerable number of journeys thereby reducing the cost accordingly.

Doctors and hospitals are from time to time reminded of economy and letters have been repeatedly written to hospitals requesting them to change times of appointments in order to fit in more than one patient in a car proceeding to the hospital.

The inconvenience and remote situation of many dwellings must have a direct bearing on the demand for transport under this scheme and although general practitioners are being constantly informed of this, it is inevitable that it must tend to increase the demand.

There does not appear to be any deliberate abuse of the scheme, which the local health authority supervises very carefully

Figures of the ambulance and sitting-car services during 1961 are given below:—

Ambulance Service.

Ambulance Station	Number of Journ'ys	Patients Carried		Total Patients Carried	Total Miles Tr'v'll'd	Patients conveyed as Accident or Emergency Cases
		Str'tchr	Sitting			
Brecon ...	385	397	42	439	12998	70
Brynmawr ...	304	341	6	347	4034	70
Builth ...	255	285	19	304	9750	28
Crickhowell ...	209	225	8	233	5905	31
Hay ...	140	137	12	149	7038	13
Ystrad'lais ...	1280	550	6146	6696	53398	169
Totals ...	2573	1935	6233	8168	93123	381
1960 ...	2412	1935	7175	9110	96760	300
1959 ...	2330	1743	6303	8046	87883	299
1958 ...	2287	1759	6422	8181	90559	271
1957 ...	2304	1746	5657	7403	92314	232
1956 ...	2304	1950	4961	6911	90708	201
1955 ...	2311	1890	4300	6190	90539	189
1954 ...	2418	2368	4321	6689	96848	215
1953 ...	1990	1813	2868	4681	79568	151
1952 ...	1775	1518	2582	4100	72231	161

Sitting Car Service — 1961.

Month.	Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage.
January	.. 659	1475	17017
February	.. 555	1167	17325
March	.. 638	1364	18859
April	.. 591	1316	18391
May	.. 627	1536	20569
June	.. 561	1355	16984
July	.. 678	1397	18683
August	.. 596	1384	19619
September	.. 604	1418	18888
October	.. 673	1673	22069
November	.. 659	1731	22731
December	.. 558	1441	18073
Totals	.. 7399	17257	229208

Comparative Figures for previous years.

Year.	Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage.
1960	.. 6702	14188	195278
1959	.. 5841	12316	182272
1958	.. 5599	12685	168595
1957	.. 5496	12167	159376
1956	.. 5843	12462	162583
1955	.. 5595	11528	168473
1954	.. 5075	10740	148295
1953	.. 4610	9786	132060
1952	.. 4223	8693	119638
1951	.. 3577	5804	107172

It will be noted that the number of journeys undertaken, mileage covered and the patients carried by sitting car rose again during the year. The sitting car service made 697 more journeys, carried 3,069 additional patients and covered 33,930 more miles than in 1960.

Section 23.—Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

Under this heading comes the after-care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defectiveness, all types of illnesses, the provision of equipment and apparatus (medical comforts) required for nursing the patients in the homes, and accommodation in recuperation homes. The local health authority, as was the case previously, is responsible for the provision of extra nourishment and clothes for the patient and his family, except in the case of patients who are in receipt of

National Assistance, when these items would be the responsibility of the National Assistance Board. Provision of out-door shelters, special beds and bedding, and other nursing requisites, etc., is the concern of the local health authority, and applicants for any of these services are dealt with after furnishing particulars of all members of the family income, etc. When assistance is given, it is either free of charge or on whole or part payment by the patient. The amount of payment to be made by the patient is assessed on an income scale adopted by the local health authority and approved by the Ministry of Health.

Such items as wheel-chairs and crutches are provided by the County Council if the need is a temporary one, but if the necessity is likely to be permanent, then the responsibility for the provision of the articles rests with the Regional Hospital Board, such items being supplied through the Ministry of Pensions. Any applications of this nature are forwarded by this Department to the appropriate Hospital Management Committee requesting them to deal with the case.

Nursing requisites of a minor nature are provided free in all cases.

(1) **Tuberculosis** — The treatment of Tuberculosis in the County is carried on by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board (Tuberculosis Division). Table V (appended) shows the number of cases notified on Form "A" during the year.

Where necessary, the local health authority will provide tuberculosis patients with shelters on loan, and extra nourishment can be provided by the local health authority for them. The health visitors visit households in which there are tuberculosis patients and offer advice as to contacts and preventive measures which should be taken by them. Cases of bad housing conditions are referred to the local housing authorities.

The local health authority, with the Regional Hospital Board, arrange for the joint appointment of medical officers who are employed in connection with the local health authority's services in relation to the prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Domestic Help Scheme under Section 29 also plays its part in the prevention of illness, care and after-care of these cases.

The Time Tables of the Tuberculosis Chest Physicians are as follows:—

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Dates of Attendance.	Times.
1. Dr. D. Ivor Williams, 2 Bulwark, Brecon—Telephone 54.		
Brecon	Tuesdays	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon— Clinic New and old patients. 11 a.m.—Consultations (Brecon Hospital).

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Dates of Attendance.	Times.
1. Dr. D. Ivor Williams (Continued)—		
	Tuesdays (Cont.) ..	2 p.m.—New cases by appointment Domiciliary Visits
	Fridays ..	10 a.m.—New and old patients. 2 p.m.—Contacts and B.C.G.
Builth Hospital Builth Wells ..	Mondays ..	10.30 a.m.—Clinic and Consultations
The Hospital Llandrindod ..	Mondays ..	2 p.m. — Clinic and Consultations.
Ystradgynlais— at Adelina Patti Hospital ..	Wednesdays ..	2 p.m.—Clinic
	Thursdays ..	2 p.m.—Contacts and B.C.G. Domiciliary Visits

2. Dr. A. E. Aslett, "Hawthorns," Courtland Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil—
Telephone 2829.

For Cefn, Vaynor and Pontsticill Patients.

Courtland Terrace Merthyr Tydfil ..	Mondays ..	10 a.m.—Old Cases. 2 p.m.—New and Old cases.
	Wednesdays ..	9.30—Contacts (by appointment).
	Wednesdays ..	2 p.m.—New and Old cases.
	Thursdays ..	2 p.m.—Children's Clinic.
	1st Friday in month	2 p.m.—Non - Pulmonary Consultation Clinic.
	Saturdays ..	9.30 a.m. Asthma cases.

For Penderyn and Hirwaun Patients.

General Hospital, Aberdare ..	Mondays and Thursdays ..	9.30 a.m. — New and old patients.
	Thursday ..	2 p.m.—Old Cases.

Name and Address of Chest Clinic.	Dates of Attendance.	Times.
3. <u>Dr. R. G. Prosser Evans, "Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Road, Neath.</u>		
<u>Telephone, Neath 278.</u>		

	For Pontneathvaughan.	
"Clairwood," 2, Lower Cymla Rd., Neath	.. Mondays	.. 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Old and New Cases (New Cases by Ap- pointment only)
	Wednesdays	.. 2 p.m.—Contact Clinic.
	Thursdays	.. 2 p.m.—Hospital Consultations
	Tuesdays	.. Static Mass Radio- graphy Sessions. 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon— Females. 2 p.m.-4 p.m.—Males.

4. Dr. N. C. Norman, 'Ennisclare,' Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith.
Telephone—Blackwood 3281.

'Ennisclare,' Llanarth Road, Pontllanfraith	.. Mondays	.. 10 a.m. Old and New Patients. 2 p.m. New Patients—male
	Tuesdays	.. 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Tomography Clinic

Blaina and District Hospital, Nantyglo—Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
 New and Old Patients (also for Brynmawr patients).

	Wednesdays	.. 10 a.m.—Old and New Patients—Female. 2.30 p.m.—Old Patients —Bed Cases. 2.30 p.m. — Contact Clinic.
	Thursdays	.. 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. —Special X - ray Appointments.
	Fridays	.. 10 a.m.—New and Old Patients — Children 2.30 p.m. — Contact and B.C.G. Clinic.
	Saturdays	.. 10 a.m.— Special Appointments

5. Dr. M. I. Jackson, Chest Clinic, 129, Stow Hill, Newport.
Telephone: Newport 66781.

Maindiff Court Hospital, Thursdays, 10.30 a.m. New and old patients
 Abergavenny. (By appointment only).

B.C.G. Vaccination.

The Chest Physicians undertaking duties in Breconshire still undertake the work of B.C.G. Vaccination in the County Areas under their control in respect of contact cases.

Since 1951 the following cases have been vaccinated:—

	By Chest Physicians. (mainly contacts).	By Medical Officers of County Council.
1951	99	Nil
1952	43	Nil
1953	72	Nil
1954	92	Nil
1955	104	126
1956	81	104
1957	101	346
1958	77	352
1959	97	134
1960	88	887
1961	68	884

The Council's Scheme for B.C.G. Vaccination was approved by the Ministry in March, 1954, and since this date the Authority's Medical Officers have been skin testing and vaccinating school children between their thirteenth and fourteenth birthdays.

In 1959, proposals were submitted by the County Council to the Ministry for the extension of this scheme, to include the skin testing and vaccination or re-vaccination if necessary, of all children over the age of 13 years in school. This scheme was later approved by the Ministry during that year, and was brought into operation in 1960.

T.B. Serial Testing in Schools.

In addition to the above scheme a further scheme for annual skin testing and the X'Raying of any positive reactors was introduced for all school children.

Annual tuberculin testing of all school children provides accurate and reliable information regarding the number of children infected from natural sources during any period of twelve months.

The annual conversion rate of non-reactor children will serve as a reliable index of the prevailing risk of infection in the community. When the conversion rate is found to be abnormally high in any class, school or district it indicates that viable tubercule bacilli are being disseminated freely and that intensive case finding investigations should be applied including possibly the mass radiography service.

Contacts in the home or at school would be traced and thus prevent the further spread of the disease.

It is hoped, therefore, that by this method we will be able to detect the sources of infection which otherwise would not have been discovered until later.

Details of the work carried out in 1961 are given in the following four tables. Included is the result of a special survey undertaken at Mount St. C.P. School. I am pleased to report that during 1961, the period to which these figures relate no case of active tuberculosis was discovered.—

A. B.C.G. Vaccination— Children aged 13 and over.

SCHOOL	No. given skin test	Results		No. given B.C.G. Vacc	No. re-skin tested	No. converted to positive	No. not converted & given further B.C.G. Vacc
		Positive	Negative				
St. David's Convent	42	4	38	38	7	4	3
Vaynor and Penderyn							
Bilateral	84	20	64	64	94	85	9
Christ College	154	23	131	131	13	8	5
Brecon Sec. Mod.	2	—	2	2	—	—	—
Tymawr School	51	12	39	39	12	8	4
*Mount Street C.P.	61	—	61	—	3	3	—
Crickhowell Mod. Sec.	29	1	28	27	13	13	—
Brecon Boys Cty. Grm.	62	5	57	56	90	75	15
Ystradgynlais Comp.	167	13	154	154	156	143	13
Gwernyfed Mod. Sec.	42	3	39	39	48	42	6
Builth County Sec.	90	19	71	67	36	34	2
Brynmawr Cty. Gram							
and Mod Sec.	151	27	124	124	80	60	20
Brecon Girls' Cty. Grm.	114	10	104	103	68	50	18
Totals ..	1049	912	137	844	620	525	95

* Special Survey

B. T.B. Serial Testing— Other children attending school, who are under 13 years of age.

SCHOOL	Number given skin tests	Results		Number re skin tested	Results		
		Positive	Negative		Natural Positive	B.C.G. Positive	Negative
Hay C.P. Mixed ..	54	1	53	8	—	3	5
Hay C.P. Infants ..	37	—	37	1	—	—	1
Hay V.P. Infants ..	19	—	19	1	—	—	1
Hay V.P. Mixed ..	33	—	33	5	—	2	3
Gwernyfed Sec. Mod. ..	43	—	43	28	6	4	18
Llandefalle V.P. ..	19	1	18	5	—	3	2
Llanigon V.P. ..	22	—	22	5	—	3	2
Velindre V.P. ..	15	—	15	1	—	—	1
Glasbury V.P. ..	33	1	32	7	—	3	4
Llyswen V.P. ..	16	1	15	1	—	—	1
Builth County Sec. ..	74	3	71	10	1	2	7
Llan-Talyllyn V.P. ..	10	—	10	—	—	—	—
Llangorse V.P. ..	28	—	28	5	1	3	1
Cathedine V.P. ..	20	—	20	—	—	—	—
Bronllys V.P. ..	9	—	9	24	1	3	20
Llanfillo V.P. ..	5	—	5	1	—	—	1
Talgarth C.P. Mixed ..	8	—	8	53	2	13	38
Talgarth C.P. Infants ..	28	—	28	12	—	5	7
Builth C.P. ..	168	3	165	22	—	5	17
Llwynmadoc V.P. ..	18	—	18	—	—	—	—
Llanafanfawr C.P. ..	18	1	17	—	—	—	—
Llanwrthwl V.P. ..	13	—	13	1	—	1	—
Garth C.P. ..	13	—	13	2	—	—	2
Crickadarn V.P. ..	5	—	5	1	—	1	—
Gwenddwr V.P. ..	8	—	8	—	—	—	—
Llaneglwys C.P. ..	10	—	10	1	—	—	1
Elan Village V.P. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	726	11	715	194	11	51	132

C. Chest X-Rays— In connection with B.C.G. Vaccination.

School.	No. done.	No. satisfactory.	No. unsatisfactory.
St. David's Convent	.. 4	4	—
Vaynor & Penderyn Bilat.	.. 20	20	—
Christ College, Brecon	.. 23	23	—
Tymawr School, Gilwern	.. 12	12	—
Mount Street C.P.	.. 3	3	—
Crickhowell Mod. Sec.	.. 1	1	—
Ystradgynlais Comp.	.. 12	12	—
Brecon Girls' Cty. Gram.	.. 10	10	—
Brecon Boys' Cty. Gram.	.. 5	5	—
Brynmawr Cty. Gram. & Mod. Sec...	20	20	—
Gwernyfed Sec. Mod.	.. 2	2	—
Builth Cty. Sec.	.. 13	13	—
Totals	.. 125	125	—

D. Chest X-Rays— In connection with T.B. Serial Testing.

School.	No. done.	No. satisfactory.	No. unsatisfactory.
Hay C.P. Mixed	.. 1	1	—
Gwernyfed Mod. Sec.	.. 1	1	—
Llandefalle V.P.	.. 1	1	—
Glasbury V.P.	.. 1	1	—
Builth Cty. Sec.	.. 3	3	—
Llangorse V.P.	.. 1	1	—
Bronllys V.P.	.. 1	1	—
Builth C.P.	.. 3	3	—
Llanafanfawr V.P.	.. 1	1	—
Totals	.. 13	13	—

(2) Illness Generally—

Arrangements exist for the follow-up of all cases discharged from hospital and work in the after-care of patients is closely linked with Domestic Help and Home Nursing Services.

Nursing equipment and apparatus are loaned to patients direct by the local health authority free of charge.

Items are also loaned by the St. John Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society. The local health authority has assisted St. John's by providing suitable premises for storage where possible, and also by grants and in some instances by meeting the actual loan charges.

In Crickhowell, Llanwrtyd and Gilwern, the British Red Cross Society have set up Comforts Depots, for which we have purchased the equipment. In Crickhowell, the County Council provided the storage facilities at the Market Hall.

During the year, in addition to the items which have been loaned to patients direct and by St. John and the British Red Cross, the following action has been taken to assist patients:—

No. of cases.	Action taken.
4	Extra nourishment.
1	Convalescence.

In addition to the above known applications, the nurses have for their own use such items as air rings and rubber sheeting which are loaned to patients.

Orthopaedic Work.

The treatment of orthopaedic cases is undertaken by the Authority, and the services of Mr. R. Treasure, Orthopaedic Specialist, St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr, are available.

Mrs. N. G. Neat was appointed as Orthopaedic Nurse to the County and commenced duties on the 6th February, 1961. As was the case previously, Mrs. Neat pays domiciliary visits as and when necessary and holds frequent clinics throughout the County.

The fixed clinics held for orthopaedic treatment are as follows—

The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmawr	.. Each Monday, with the exception of the 4th Monday of the month.
The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells	.. 4th Monday of each month. a.m.
The Town Hall, Talgarth	.. 1st Tuesday of each month. p.m.
The Clinic, Ystradgynlais	.. Each Wednesday. p.m.
The Clinic, Ysgol-y-Graig, Cefn Coed	.. 1st Thursday of each month. p.m.
The Clinic, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye	.. 4th Thursday of each month. a.m.
The Clinic, Crickhowell	.. 3rd Thursday of each month. p.m.
The Watton Offices, Brecon	.. Each Friday. p.m.

As requested by the Department, Mr. Treasure, held Consultation Clinics at the Brecon Health Department Clinic on the dates shown below. Details of numbers seen are given.

BRECON SPECIALIST CLINIC

Dates—	11/4/61.	30/5/61.	15/8/61.	19/12/61.
Number called for Examination ..	12	27	24	25
Number attended ..	10	21	17	16
No treatment required ..	1	—	1	3
To attend clinics ..	7	16	15	5
X Rays required ..	2	3	—	2
To be seen again by Specialist ..	7	15	13	11
Requires Hospital Treatment ..	—	1	—	1

Chiropody Service.

The County Council's Chiropody Service which was started in April, 1960, still continues to function very satisfactorily. It is a service which is growing and which, of course is a great help to the older persons.

The number of clinic sessions has been increased during the year and from time to time the Chiropodists, who are engaged on a sessional basis, allocate extra sessions to us to keep the waiting list as small as possible.

In the first instance the category of patients catered for are :

- (i) The elderly.
- (ii) The physically handicapped.
- (iii) Expectant mothers.
- (iv) Other patients at discretion of County Medical Officer.

and in view of the ever increasing demands made upon the service by these categories alone it is impossible to extend the scheme beyond these at present.

The clinics are still run with the aid of the voluntary agencies, in County Council premises, etc., and the help given by the Volunteers is much appreciated.

Clinics are held at the following places and at the time shewn.

Location.	Frequency of Clinics.	Day and time of Clinic during month.	
Brecon Clinic	Weekly	1st & 3rd Thursdays	2 - 5 p.m.
		2nd and 4th Fridays	2 - 5 p.m.
Ystradgynlais Clinic	Fortnightly	2nd & 4th Thursdays	2 - 5 p.m.
Abercrave Miners Welfare Hall	Fortnightly	1st & 3rd Tuesday	2 - 5 p.m.
Brynmaur Clinic	Monthly	4th Wednesday	2 - 5 p.m.
Hay-on-Wye Clinic	Monthly	1st Wednesday (all day)	
		9 - 12 noon. —	2 - 5 p.m.
Crickhowell Clinic	Monthly	1st Monday	2 - 5 p.m.
Cefn Coed Clinic	Monthly	4th Wednesday	9 - 12 noon

The above times are for those clinics which are fixed, but occasional sessions are now frequently held.

It has previously been stated that at some future date clinics will be extended to Talgarth, Llanwrtyd Wells, Sennybridge and when clinic premises are erected in these places it is hoped to put the extension plan into operation.

The method of obtaining treatment is still the same as hitherto and patients can either ask for an appointment direct from the local volunteers running the clinic in their area, or write to the County Medical Officer.

Transport of patients to the Chiropody Clinics can be undertaken under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, if the patient is unable to attend by means of alternative public transport. Alternatively, when a patient is conveyed to the Clinic by the voluntary agency, using a member's car, such member is paid at the rate of 6d. per mile. Authorisation by the patient's doctor, however, is required before transport can be provided either by the Ambulance Authority or the Voluntary agency.

The employment of Chiropodists is quite definitely laid down, inasmuch as the Chiropodists must be qualified and satisfy one or other of the qualifications stated in Section 3 of the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954 (Statutory Instrument No. 55, 1954).

The Local Health Authority has been most careful in seeing that these Regulations are fulfilled.

Elderly and handicapped patients have treatment free of charge; expectant mothers and other patients pay 2/6d. per treatment.

Two part-time Chiropodists were engaged by the local Health Authority on a sessional basis and they attended clinics and paid domiciliary visits as required.

Mrs. M. A. Llewellyn, 36, Gough Road, Ystalyfera, Glam., attends at the Abercrave and Ystradgynlais Clinics, and Mr. E. H. Spence-Jones, 336, Chepstow Road, Newport, attends at the remainder of the clinics throughout the County.

Both these Chiropodists are assisted by teams of volunteers drawn from the British Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Association, Old Age Pensioners' Association, and the W.V.S. There is no doubt that the efficiency of the scheme owes much to the valuable services rendered by these good ladies and it is once again recorded that we deeply appreciate this work undertaken by them.

During the year the following work was undertaken.—

Clinic Sessions.

Clinic Sessions held	..	198				
		Elderly.	Physically	Expectant	Others.	Total.
			Handicapped.	Mothers.		
Number of patients treated	..	556	11	4	17	578
Number of attendances made by these patients	..	1586	36	4	28	1654

Domiciliary Visits.

Number of patients visited	..	42
Number of visits paid to these patients	..	125

Table X, appended to this report gives further information of patients treated at Clinics and domiciliary visits shown in their respective areas.

VENEREAL DISEASES—

The authority's health visitors are available for the visiting of these cases to encourage them keep up their attendance at special clinics and continue with the prescribed treatment.

The Minister of Health from time to time refers to the increased incidence of Venereal Disease in the Country, and free posters are issued for display at Clinics and elsewhere.

Apart from any assistance as above, treatment of V.D. is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. There are no treatment centres in the County and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford General Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and Mardy Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and V.D. Clinic, 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury.

CANCER—

During the year, 122 deaths were recorded, giving a death rate of 2.20 per 1,000 population, as compared with 91 and a death rate of 1.61 in 1960. Of the 122 there were 21 cases of lung cancer.

It will be thus noticed that there had been an increase of 34% in the total number of cancer deaths and that the increase in those deaths from lung cancer has increased by as much as 50%.

Figures of deaths from cancer, and the rate per 1,000 population over the last nine years are given below:—

Year.	Deaths.	Rate per 1000 population.
1960	91	1.64
1959	93	1.66
1958	116	2.07
1957	111	1.97
1956	106	1.88
1955	98	1.75
1954	113	2.03
1953	98	1.75
1952	108	1.95

Section 29.—DOMESTIC HELP—

The cost of the scheme still continues to rise and in 1960/61 it was £27,275 which is nearly £2,000 more than in the previous year. The contributions from patients assisted were £1,541.

The scheme on the whole works very well but is, of course dependent entirely on the number of women throughout the county offering their services as domestic helps. The position fluctuates from area to area in the County.

On the 31st December, 1961, the number of domestic helps employed by the Authority was—

(a)	Whole-time Domestic Helps	...	Nil
(b)	Part-time Domestic Helps	...	184
(c)	Whole-time equivalent of those shown in (b)		58

The number of cases where Domestic Help was provided during the year, together with the yearly figures since 1957 for comparison, is given below.—

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Confinement Cases (including illness of Expectant Mothers)	15	13	16	11	21
Tuberculosis Cases ..	6	7	8	9	7
Chronic Sick, including Aged and Infirm ..	313	276	296	267	225
Others ..	21	27	24	24	29
	<hr/> 355	<hr/> 323	<hr/> 344	<hr/> 311	<hr/> 282

The work of supervising the domestic help scheme was undertaken by the Superintendent Nursing Officer as part of her duties up to the middle of August, 1961. It had been reported for many years that the work had increased to such an extent that it could no longer be undertaken satisfactorily by this Officer in combination with her other duties. The Health Committee agreed that a full-time appointment of a Domestic Help Supervisor should be made, and accordingly they appointed Miss F. J. Thorogood to fill the vacancy. Miss Thorogood took up her appointment on the 14th August, 1961.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

The Mental Health Act, 1959, came into operation during 1960. All previous legislation relating to mental illness and mental deficiency and contained in the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890-1930 and the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-38, was repealed in the new Act. Some of the main provisions of the new Act were mentioned in my Report for 1960, and in view of their importance they are worth reproducing again.

(1) The Mental Health Act, 1959, makes provision with respect to the treatment and care of mentally disordered persons and with respect to their property and affairs. The emphasis throughout this Act is on treatment and not custody. Every effort will be made to encourage patients to seek treatment informally and without compulsion. A mentally disordered person can now enter any Mental Hospital or General Hospital for observation without any formality or certification whatsoever.

(2) No distinction is made between psychosis and mental defect. All disorders of the mind are now called mental disorder. Terms previously in common use such as lunatic, idiot, imbecile and feeble-minded are abolished.

Types of Mentally Disordered Persons.

- (a) **Mentally Ill.**
- (b) **Psychopathic Personality.**
- (c) **Severely Subnormal Personality.**
- (d) **Subnormal Personality.**

(3) The magistrate no longer has any part in the compulsory admission of patients to hospital. This lays stress on medical, as opposed to the administrative outlook on mental disorder. The compulsory admission for observation or treatment will now be on the recommendation of two doctors. One doctor must have special psychiatric experience, and the other doctor if possible should be the patient's general medical practitioner.

(4) Adequate safeguards against unnecessary detention are provided by the establishment of Mental Health Review Tribunals. One Tribunal is formed for each area for which there is a Regional Hospital Board, to consider applications from patients already in mental hospitals for their release from hospital.

(5) The Duly Authorised Officer takes the name of Mental Welfare Officer, but his duties will remain much the same and he is still appointed by the Local Authority.

(6) The Local Health Authority is responsible for the community care of all mentally disordered persons not in hospital.

Local Authority Services

Under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act.

(a) The provision, equipment and maintenance of residential accommodation and the care of persons resident in such accommodation.

(b) The provision of centres for training or occupation and the equipment and maintenance of such centres.

(c) The appointment of officers to act as Mental Welfare Officers.

(d) To supervise persons placed under Guardianship.

(e) The provision of a home training service.

(f) The provision of day centres.

(g) The provision of social clubs.

(h) The provision of a Home Visiting Service.

Under Education Act, 1944.

The ascertainment of children unsuitable for education in school.

ORGANISATION AND STAFF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

(A) The following is, in outline, a description of the existing organisation and staff arrangements:—

(1) Mental Health Sub-Committee.

The Local Health Authority has appointed a Mental Health Services Sub-Committee which is a sub-committee of the Local Health Committee.

(2) Officers responsible for organisation and control.

The County Medical Officer, Dr. R. G. Evans, assisted by the Deputy County Medical Officer, Dr. J. K. Jones, and the Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. C. M. S. Evans, advise the authority on mental health matters. The County Medical Officer undertakes the overall organisation and control of the services and the direction of all mental health workers carrying out the function of the local health authority. The Deputy Medical Officer is responsible for the day to day organisation of the mental health services.

The ascertainment of subnormal or severely subnormal personality is undertaken by the County Medical Officer and the Deputy County Medical Officer, who are both approved by the Ministry of Education for the ascertainment of children who are unsuitable for education at school.

The psychiatrists of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board co-operate to the fullest extent and borderline or controversial cases are referred to them for opinion. In this connection Dr. G. Diggle, Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, gives every possible help.

(3) Administrative and Clerical Staff.

Two part-time officers assist the County Medical Officer in the administration of the Mental Health Services.

(4) Psychiatric Social Worker.

One Psychiatric Social Worker is employed by the Welsh Border Hospital Management Committee (Regional Hospital Board) jointly with the County Councils of Breconshire, Radnorshire and Montgomeryshire. She devotes 5/33rds of her time to Breconshire.

(5) Mental Welfare Officers.

Mental Welfare Officers.— Six give part-time service only, as they are also Welfare Officers and Registrars of Births and Deaths. They work in the following five areas:—

- (a) Brecon and Sennybridge — Mr. H. G. Edwards.
- (b) Brynmawr and Crickhowell — Mr. T. V. Rees.
- (c) Builth, Hay and Talgarth — Mr. W. B. Hargest.
- (d) Ystradgynlais — Mr. W. T. Davies.
- (e) Vaynor and Penderyn — Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis.
- (f) Whole County (Relief) — R. I. Jones.

A system of relief has been devised to ensure that a Mental Welfare Officer is always available for any district. Each Mental Welfare Officer relieves his or her neighbouring colleague, and as a further safeguard, Mr. R. I. Jones, Chief Clerk in the Public Health Department, has been appointed and approved as Relief Mental Welfare Officer.

Table XI appended to this report shows the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Mental Welfare Officers; giving their normal areas served together with the areas they each relieve.

Although these officers only give part-time service in the Mental Health field, those at Brecon, Brynmawr and Hay are actually whole-time officials of the Council, whereas those at Vaynor and Penderyn and at Ystradgynlais are only part-time officials.

The duties of the Mental Welfare Officers are to exercise the functions given to them by Sections 22, 135 and 140 and Parts IV and V of the Mental Health Act, 1959.

It is proposed to send all Mental Welfare Officers on approved Courses in Mental Health at the earliest possible time.

(6) Health Visitors and Home Visiting Services.

Periodic visits are paid by the Health Visitors to all sub-normal patients in their area. Some of these patients are also visited by the Psychiatric Social Worker.

The Health Visitors also visit and submit a monthly report on patients discharged from mental hospitals, as part of a Home Visiting Service. Cases suitable for surveillance by the Health Visitors are forwarded by the Psychiatric Social Worker and the Health Visitors work under the guidance of the Deputy County Medical Officer and the Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Summary of Mentally-ill Patients visited by Health Visitors during 1961.

Type of Mental Disorder.	No. of Cases Visited.
Schizophrenia	... 9
Manic Depressive Psychosis	... 9
Confusional Psychosis	... 4
Depression	... 8
Recurrent Depression	... 1
Agitated Depression	... 1
Psychoneurosis Hysteria	... 4
Involution Melancholia	... 13
Acute Mania	... 1
Leucotonous	... 1
Epilepsy	... 2
Stroke Confused	... 1

Summary of Sub-normal patients visited by Health Visitors during 1961.

	Nos. Visited.
Subnormal patients	... 25
Severely subnormal patients	... 31

The majority of the home visiting of mentally disordered patients is still, however undertaken by the Psychiatric Social Worker working from the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

(7) Training of Staff.

(a) Mental Welfare Officers.

No training was instituted during 1960, nor was it possible in 1961, but it is proposed to send all the Mental Welfare Officers on an approved course in Mental Health at the earliest possible date.

(b) Health Visitors.

All the Health Visitors employed by the Local Authority attended a course of "In-service" training organised by the Medical Superintendent, Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

Five of the full-time Health Visitors attended a two weeks Mental Health Course at St. Gabriel's College, Cormont Road, London S.E.5, from 2nd to 14th April, 1960.

The Deputy County Medical Officer, the Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and the Psychiatric Social Worker, have given lectures on the Mental Health Act to to all nursing staff.

Miss Gwendoline Morgan, the Psychiatric Social Worker discusses individual patients with the Health Visitors.

An excellent liaison has thus been established between the staff of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and the Health Department of the Council.

(8) Training Centre.

There are no Junior Training Centres or Adult Training Centres at present available in the area, nor does any arrangement exist for this service with any neighbouring authority, other than for four individual cases in attendance at Occupational Centres in Monmouthshire.

The Authority's plans are expected to provide, within the next two years, places for all suitable cases up to the age of 45 years and plans are going ahead for a Junior Training and Occupation Centre in Brecon.

In the meantime 5 Breconshire pupils attend Occupation Centres in Monmouthshire under an agreement between the two Authorities.

Social, educational and occupational training will be provided as governed by the demands made for such services. Ancilliary services such as meals, medical inspection, dental treatment and provision of transport will be provided.

(9) Residential Accommodation.

No form of residential accommodation is available at present. This form of provision is not envisaged within the County in the immediate future. The Authority will, however, keep the needs of the area under constant review.

The authority will, when necessary, arrange with voluntary bodies or other authorities providing such facilities, for accommodation to be available for cases from this area. The authority has in mind, inter alia, the possible provision of residential accommodation for ineducable spastic children such as was proposed by the National Spastic Society.

(10) Home Training.

No facilities at present.

With the development of a Training Centre it is anticipated that there will be no need for home teaching, although the Authority will review the position from time to time to ensure that all patients who will benefit are given an opportunity to receive training.

(11) Day Centres, Social Clubs, Etc.

There are no existing arrangements of this nature.

It is the Authority's intention, with the aid of the Voluntary Agencies, to provide Social Clubs and other activities, but that at the onset a pilot scheme should operate in the County Town (Brecon) and that the service should be extended as soon as the demand warrants the establishment of Social Centres and Clubs elsewhere.

(12) Guardianship.

The Authority will ensure that they will exercise their functions under the Mental Health Act, 1959, in respect of persons placed under guardianship, whether that of the Authority or of other persons.

There were no cases under Guardianship
in the County during 1961.

(13) Statistics.

Details for patients receiving home visits, attending Occupation Centres, waiting for admission to Occupation Centres, Admissions and Discharges from Hospitals, etc., are given in Table XII as an appendix to this Report.

In Section B of this table will be found the number of cases referred to the Local Health Authority during the year 1961.

(14) Waiting List For Hospital Admission.

Number of Patients in Local Health Authority's area on waiting list for admission to Hospital at 31/12/61.

	Phychopath.		Subnormal		Severely Subnormal	
	Under Over		Under Over		Under Over	
	16 years.		16 years.		16 years.	
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
(1) In Urgent need of Hospital Care	..	1 —	— —	— —	1 1	— —
(2) Not in Urgent Need of Hospital Care	..	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —

Admission of Emergency Cases to Psychiatric Hospitals.

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 132 of the Mental Health Act, 1959, and of paragraph 11 of the Ministry of Health Memorandum on Parts 1, IV-VIII and IX of the Act, the following hospitals were notified to the Local Health Authority as catering for emergency admissions from the County:—

Penyval Hospital, Abergavenny.

Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

*Mount Pleasant Hospital, Swansea.

*Accommodation for Psycho-Geriatric Patients.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 132 of the to the prevailing shortage of accommodation and the long waiting lists, it will still be necessary for the Welsh Hospital Board to continue to arrange accommodation through its central bed bureau which has been in operation since 1948. Every effort will be made by the officers of the bureau in conjunction with the appropriate staff of the local health authority to find emergency accommodation as necessary.

Ambulance Services.

The ambulance service for mentally-ill patients is the same as set out in Section 27.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

Mental Health (Approval of Medical Practitioners)
Regulations, 1960.

The following list comprises the names of all Medical Practitioners approved by the Breconshire County Council in

accordance with the Mental Health Act, 1959, and the Mental Health (Approval of Medical Practitioners) Regulations, 1960 (Statutory Instrument, 1960, No. 1231): —

Name and Address of Medical Practitioner	Telephone Number	Approval Effective to
AITKEN, C. A. M., Danybryn, Camden Road, Brecon	.. Brecon 782	.. 31.10.65
BECK, G. H., The Grange, Cefn Coed	.. Merthyr Tydfil 2000	.. 31.10.65
BOLADZ, W., Castle Bank, Ystradgynlais..	Glantawe 3221	.. 31.10.65
CAMERON, D. F., Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells	Builth Wells 2207	.. 31.10.65
CHOPRA, S. N., Dunedin House, Brynmawr	Brynmawr 226	.. 31.10.65
COPPOCK, R. L., Iscoed, Camden Road, Brecon	.. Brecon 784	.. 31.10.65
DAVIES, E., Haulfryn, Abercrave	.. Abercrave 225	.. 31.10.65
DAVIES, V. J., Haulfryn, Abercrave	.. Abercrave 225	.. 31.10.65
DIGGLE, G., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	Talgarth 202	.. 31.10.65
EVANS, C. M. S., Health Office, Brecon	.. Brecon 780 (Office)	.. 31.10.65
	Brecon 194 (Home)	.. 31.10.65
EVANS, J. I., Grosmont, Hirwaun	.. Hirwaun 221	.. 31.10.65
EVANS, R. G., Health Office, Brecon	.. Brecon 780 (Office)	.. 31.10.65
	Brecon 575 (Home)	.. 31.10.65
FARRINGTON, G. W., The Hermitage, Brynmawr	.. Brynmawr 217	.. 31.10.65
FARRINGTON, R. M., Clydach House, Gilwern	.. Gilwern 315	.. 31.10.65
FENN, C. M., Meadow Way, Llanwrtyd Wells	.. Llanwrtyd 257	.. 31.10.65
GILROY, P. J., Knockgrania, Caddicks Road, Blaina	.. Blaina 340	.. 31.10.65
HAMILTON, M. L., 75, Pontmorlais, Merthyr Tydfil	.. Merthyr Tydfil 2946	.. 31.10.65
HAND, B. J., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	Talgarth 202	.. 31.10.65
HOUGHTON, H. J., Cecil Lodge, Llandrindod Wells	.. Llandrindod 2095	.. 31.10.65
JAYNE, R. F., The Cottage, Talgarth	.. Talgarth 309	.. 31.10.65
JONES, J. K., 5, Lon-y-Coed, Brecon	.. Brecon 780 (Office)	.. 31.10.65
	Brecon 25 (Home)	.. 31.10.65
JONES, E. W., Brynhelig, Lower Cwmtwrch	Glantawe 2147	.. 31.10.65
KYLE, D., Glasfryn, Alexandra Rd., Brecon	.. Brecon 782	.. 31.10.65
LEES, D., 'Cantre-Selyf,' Lion Street, Brecon	Brecon 2	.. 31.10.65
LONDON, J. M., Greenways, Talgarth	.. Talgarth 309	.. 31.10.65
MELLING, N. E., Wennetune, Sennybridge	Sennybridge 380	.. 31.10.65
MORGAN, J. L., Porthmawr, Crickhowell	.. Crickhowell 255	.. 31.10.65
PRICE, K. J. P., Ruperra House, Brecon	.. Brecon 784	.. 31.10.65
PUGH, J. K., Maes-y-Coed, Builth Wells..	Builth Wells 2207	.. 31.10.65
PUGH, V. T., Maes-y-Coed, Builth Wells	.. Builth Wells 2207	.. 31.10.65
NOVAK, K. Z., Gilwen House, Lower Cwmtwrch	.. Glantawe 2246	.. 31.10.65
NOVAK, M. R., Gilwen House, Lower Cwmtwrch	.. Glantawe 2246	.. 31.10.65
UNGAR, L., 'San Remo,' The Walk, Merthyr Tydfil	.. Merthyr Tydfil 3630	.. 31.10.65

ANNUAL REPORT ON PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK IN BRECONSHIRE FOR 1961

The combined scheme for after care of the mentally sick undertaken by the Psychiatric Social Worker and the Health Visitors of the Local Authority has worked smoothly and well during the year.

A study course embracing the main groups of Psychotic and Neurotic illnesses was initially undertaken so that the problems and needs of patients could be envisaged and met by the new workers. The course not only served an educational purpose but also enabled the Psychiatric Social Worker and Health Visitors to get to know each other on a personal level so that easy and friendly contact was established at the outset. This all important matter of amiable co-operation between workers in the field has been the keystone of the success in the joint after-care scheme. Later, case conferences were held at regular intervals to maintain the personal contact and to supply a source of reference and initial support which is a basic necessity in this exhausting and often difficult work.

During the year the rate of admission and discharge of patients to and from the Mid-Wales Hospital showed a moderate increase on the figures of 1960 and the attendances at the Psychiatric Clinic in Brecon were equally high. Although the southern region of the County is partly served by the Cefn Coed and Singleton Hospitals, patients from Ystradgynlais and the surrounding districts have received after and pre-care from the Breconshire team due to the satisfactory system of referral by the Swansea Consultant Psychiatrists.

The Ministry of Labour Rehabilitation scheme has continued to provide help to the younger psychiatric patient and monthly visits to the hospital by the Group Disablement Officer has enabled personal discussions on problems of future employment to take place. Several patients have attended the Industrial Rehabilitation Units at Cardiff and Egham and following a period of training they have been placed in suitable new occupations.

Again the help of voluntary bodies such as the Red Cross and Women's Institutes has been much appreciated and it is hoped that the energies of their willing workers can be utilised more fully in the coming years. There is a great need to prevent the mentally sick from becoming institutionalised and fuller association with voluntary helpers could do much to maintain contact with normal trends and society. In order to encourage voluntary interest in the needs of their less fortunate fellows, the Psychiatric Social Worker has given a series of talks to social organisations throughout the county.

Analysis of Work for 1961.—

Admissions to Mid-Wales Hospital	157
Departures from Mid-Wales Hospital	151
Attendances at Brecon Clinic	311
No. of patients who received after-care	99
Domiciliary visits to patients and families	401
Kindred social work visits (i.e. employers, doctors and kindred social bodies)	96
	497

(Signed) GWENDOLINE MORGAN.

Psychiatric Social Worker.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

I am indebted to the Welfare Department for supplying information of work under the National Assistance Act.

The Welfare Committee of the Council is responsible for the work under this Act.

Section 21 (i) (a)—Homes for the Aged.

Ashburnham House, Talgarth	... 15 beds
Brynhyfryd, Builth Wells	... 15 beds
Cockcroft House, Hay-on-Wye	... 60 beds
Crawshay House, Brynmawr	... 36 beds
"The Grove," Ystradgynlais	... 25 beds

Each home can provide accommodation for both male and female residents, and married couples. During the year, 38 people have been admitted to Homes for the Aged in the county, and 19 discharged (1 to hospital for a short period and 13 for long periods). 17 residents have died in the Homes. At present, there are no Breconshire residents being maintained in Homes for the Aged which are administered by another local authority. 1 transferred to another Home in the County.

Section 21 (i) (b) Provision of Temporary Accommodation.

Temporary accommodation, for persons who are in urgent need thereof, being circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen, is provided at Welfare House, Llangattock.

Section 29 (1).

Under this section of the Act, a scheme for handicapped persons has been adopted. At present there are 66 people registered under the scheme. There are six handicapped persons in accommodation provided, on behalf of the County Council, by voluntary organisations.

Section 29. Welfare of the Blind and Partially-Sighted.

A whole-time Welfare Officer and a certificated Home Teacher of the blind are employed under the scheme for the welfare of the blind and partially-sighted persons in the County. Anyone appearing to be suffering from seriously defective vision will be visited and, where necessary, an examination will be arranged by an Ophthalmic Surgeon with a view to certification and registration. Usually these examinations are held in the nearest consulting rooms or clinics, but domiciliary visits are also arranged where the person is housebound.

During the year, the Ophthalmic Surgeons examined and completed Forms B.D.8 in respect of persons certifying as follows:—

	Re-					
	Blind.	P.S.	Neither.	exam.	Decert.	Ttl.
Mr. G. W. Hoare	... 22	28	—	9	1	60
Mr. F. G. Hibbert	... 2	1	4	—	—	7
Mr. R. Thomas	... —	3	3	1	—	7
Mr. Vine-Cole	... 1	—	—	—	—	1
Mr. H. T. MacFetridge	... 2	1	—	—	—	3
Mr. Vaughan-Jones	... 1	—	—	—	—	1
Mr. Cross	... —	—	—	1	—	1
	28	33	7	11	1	80

There has been a marked increase in the number of examinations, 15 of which were domiciliary visits. 28 blind persons and 33 partially-sighted persons were registered as new cases. Of the re-examinations, six partially-sighted persons became registered as blind; five partially-sighted remained in the same category and one partially-sighted person was decertified following successful cataract operations.

Register of Blind and Partially-sighted Persons at 24/4/62.

	5-15	16-20	21-49	50-64	65 plus	Total
Blind						
Male	... 2	—	9	12	53	76
Female	... 1	—	8	13	81	103
Total	... 3	—	17	25	134	179
Partially-sighted						
Male	... 1	1	4	6	29	41
Female	... 3	1	5	7	58	74
Total	... 4	2	9	13	87	115

Welfare Officers and Duly Authorised Officers in the County.—

- | | | |
|----|--|---|
| 1 | *Brynmawr, Llanelly Hill and Crickhowell | Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Offices, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. |
| 2. | Vaynor and Penderyn. | Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. |
| 3 | Ystradgynlais. | Mr. W. T. Davies, Station Road, Ystradgynlais. |
| 4 | *Brecknock and Defynnog. | Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, The Watton, Brecon. |
| 5 | *Hay, Talgarth and Builth. | Mr. W. B. Hargest, Mason's Arms, Talgarth. |
- *Whole-time Officers.

MISCELLANEOUS—

Smallpox Hospitals. — Arrangements have been made for Smallpox Cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases. On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready to receive the patient. In emergencies, where the consultants are not immediately available, a telephone call should be put through to the City Isolation Hospital, Cardiff (Telephone: Cardiff 21466), giving details to a responsible officer. The patient will be removed by the County Council under their Ambulance Scheme made under Section 27 of the N.H. Service Act, 1946.

Examinations of Staffs—The Medical Staff of the County Health Department undertake, often at short notice, the examination of candidates for various County and Education appointments.

The Education Committee has directed that all candidates be examined and X-rayed on appointment. This is to include all persons already on the staff who are appointed to new posts.

The cost of X-ray Examination is borne by the Local Health Authority under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with the exception of any X-Rays of Training College Candidates, in which case the cost is paid by the Ministry of Education.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 31.

Biological Sampling of Milk.

During the calendar year 1961, a total of 182 samples of milk were taken from schools within the County for bacterial-logical and biological testing. None of these samples gave positive results to the Brucella Ring or Tuberculin Tests

Child Guidance Clinics.

The Breconshire Education Committee gave consideration during 1960 to the question of setting up Child Guidance Clinics, but it has not yet been possible to put this into effect.

It was agreed that these should be started in April, 1961, and the staff will consist of Dr. G. Diggle, Consultant Psychiatrist; Miss Gwen Morgan, (Psychiatric) Social Worker, both of the Mid-Wales Hospital, and both of whom have agreed to take part in the scheme. It is anticipated that Dr. Diggle will be able to give about one session per fortnight to this work. There will also be a full-time Educational Psychologist, and a Speech Therapist, both to be newly appointed.

Although advertised in the National Press and Professional Journals, no applications had been received at the end of the year from suitably qualified persons. Due to this lack of response the setting up of the Child Guidance Service has been delayed pending the appointment of these two officers.

The Medical Officers of the Department will play their part in the Child Guidance Service and the Health Visitors will also be available and will have valuable knowledge of histories and family backgrounds.

When this service has been brought into operation it will cater for the School Age Child and the Pre-School Age Child. The Child Guidance team will be in close touch with all medical and nursing staff of child welfare clinics and will be able to advise on emotional development and behaviour difficulties which they encounter in their contacts with mothers and young children.

Table I.—Vital Statistics for Various Districts for 1961.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Population estimated to the middle of the year	Births		Nett Deaths belonging to the District			Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age		Deaths of Mothers		Deaths of Infants under 1 wk of age		Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births +	
		Live Births		Still Births *		At all ages		Under 1 year of age		Rate per 1,000		Rate per 1,000		
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate per 1,000	Number	Rate per 1,000	Childbirth, Abortion, Pregnancy,	Rate per 1,000 Births	Number		Rate per 1,000 Live Births
Brecon Urban	5780	91	15.74	1	10.86	82	14.18	2	21.97	2	21.97	1	10.98	21.73
Brynmawr Urban	6420	87	13.55	6	64.51	103	16.04	2	22.98	2	22.98	2	22.98	86.02
Builth Wells Urban	1580	29	18.35	1	33.33	24	15.18	...	...	...	...	...	...	33.33
Hay Urban	1310	19	14.50	1	50.00	35	26.71	1	52.63	1	52.63	...	...	5.00
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban...	510	6	11.76	...	...	9	17.64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brecon Rural	7920	103	13.00	2	19.04	74	9.34	3	29.12	2	19.41	1	9.70	28.57
Builth Rural	3200	42	13.12	...	...	44	13.75	2	47.60	1	23.80	...	...	...
Crickhowell Rural	7590	121	15.94	4	32.00	107	14.09	4	33.05	3	24.79	2	16.52	48.00
Hay Rural	3660	57	15.57	2	34.57	71	19.39	2	35.08	2	35.08	1	17.54	50.84
Vaynor & Pend'yn Rural	6320	107	16.93	3	27.27	76	12.02	4	37.38	4	37.38	4	37.38	63.63
Ystradgynlais Rural	11000	142	12.90	...	...	134	12.70	4	28.16	4	28.16	4	28.16	28.16
Brecon County	55290	804	14.54	20	24.27	759	13.72	24	29.85	21	26.11	15	18.65	42.4
England and Wales ...	...	...	17.4	...	18.7	...	12.0	...	21.4	...	15.6	...	...	...
Brecon County, 1960	55470	815	14.69	16	19.25	722	13.01	22	26.99	13	15.95	12	14.72	33.69

*The rate for Still Births is the rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.

† The rate for Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still Births.

Table II.—Vital Statistics.
Causes and Ages at Death during year 1961.
WHOLE COUNTY.

CAUSES OF DEATH		All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and under 75 years	75 and over
ALL CAUSES—Males	..	430	15	2	2	11	22	104	113	161
Females	..	329	10	1	2	2	11	65	72	166
Totals	..	759	25	3	4	13	33	169	185	327
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2
2. Tuberculosis, Other	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
3. Syphilitic, Diseases	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
4. Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Meningococcal Infections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	..	20	..	..	..	..	1	8	5	6
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	..	13	..	..	..	..	4	6	2	1
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	2
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	..	62	..	..	..	2	6	19	15	20
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1
16. Diabetes	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	2
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	..	105	..	..	..	..	..	23	31	51
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	..	114	..	..	..	1	2	31	41	39
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	5	8	5
20. Other Heart Diseases	..	126	..	1	..	..	1	11	16	97
21. Other Circulatory Disease	..	39	..	..	..	1	..	4	10	24
22. Influenza	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	6
23. Pneumonia	..	23	3	1	..	..	..	1	7	11
24. Bronchitis	..	52	1	..	..	..	..	14	15	22
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	9	7	2
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	9
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31. Congenital Malformations	..	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	..	54	15	..	..	1	5	8	4	21
33. Motor Vehicles Accidents	..	6	..	..	..	3	2	1	..	..
34. All Other Accidents	..	19	1	..	2	4	3	1	3	5
35. Suicide	..	6	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..
36. Homicide and Operations of War	..	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..

Table III.—Vital Statistics.

Causes of Deaths in the Separate Districts of the County
during the year 1961.

CAUSES OF DEATH		URBAN					RURAL					TOTAL
		Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Wells	Brecon	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn		Ystradgynlais
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory ..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	5
2. Tuberculosis, Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
3. Syphilitic, Diseases ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
4. Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Whooping Cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Meningococcal Infections ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..	1	3	1	1	..	1	2	3	3	2	3	20
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus ..	4	2	1	..	..	1	3	2	1	3	4	21
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ..	1	1	1	..	2	3	1	..	1	..	3	13
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	6
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ..	8	12	4	1	..	5	3	11	3	4	11	62
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	3
16. Diabetes ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	10	10	2	4	1	15	3	21	12	5	22	105
18. Coronary Disease, Angina ..	12	10	3	4	..	9	8	16	9	14	29	114
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	1	2	..	1	..	3	..	3	2	4	2	18
20. Other Heart Diseases ..	20	17	8	4	3	10	10	16	18	9	11	126
21. Other Circulatory Disease ..	3	3	..	1	..	7	..	3	10	6	6	39
22. Influenza ..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	9
23. Pneumonia ..	3	2	..	2	1	2	2	7	1	1	2	23
24. Bronchitis ..	4	16	1	5	1	3	1	3	..	5	13	52
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	4	..	1	8	18
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	4
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	3
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	2	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	1	12
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31. Congenital Malformations ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	1	6
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ..	4	6	..	10	1	3	1	10	3	8	8	54
33. Motor Vehicles Accidents ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	6
34. All Other Accidents ..	4	5	..	..	..	2	1	2	2	3	..	19
35. Suicide ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	6
36. Homicide and Operations of War ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
Totals ..	82	103	24	35	9	74	44	107	71	76	134	759
Totals, 1960 ..	76	90	28	35	12	82	27	97	71	74	130	722

Table IV.—Notifiable Diseases, 1961.

DISTRICT	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Food Poisoning	Pneumonia	Acute Polio-myelitis		Erysipelas	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Measles	Infective Encephalitis	Whooping Cough	Tuber-culosis		Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Para Typhoid	TOTALS
						Paralytic	Non-Paralytic							Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary				
Brecon Urban	1	..	..	..	..	62	..	3	1	6	..	..	..	72
Brynmawr Urban	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	112	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	121
Builth Wells Urban	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Hay Urban	6	..	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	80
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Brecon Rural	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	71
Builth Rural	20	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	23
Hay Rural	1	1	..	..	119	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	122
Crickhowell Rural	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	122	..	..	7	..	4	1	..	..	138
Vaynor and Pendergyn Rural	..	5	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	55	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	67
Ystradgynlais Rural	1	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	33
Totals	..	8	..	8	6	2	1	2	..	..	663	..	13	3	22	2	..	..	732
Totals, 1960	..	22	..	1	9	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	26	1	35	4	1	..	104

Table V.—Tuberculosis.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 1st January, 1961. to 31st December, 1961.

Age Periods	Notification on Form A.														
	Number of Primary Notifications.														
	0	1	2	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	75	and upwards	(Total—All Ages)
..	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Respiratory—Males	3	1	3	..	1	1	3	1	1	..	..	14
" Females	2	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	9
Non-Respiratory—Males	1	1	..	1	..	..	3
" Females
Totals	3	1	5	1	3	4	6	1	2	..	..	26

Table VI.—Showing the work of the Health Visitors during the year 1961.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF VISITS PAID										TOTALS	
	Pre Natal Visits		Visits to Children under 1		Visits to Children 1-2		Visits to Children 2-5		T.B. Households	Others		First Visits Paid to Households during the Year
	First Visits	Total Visits	First	Total	First	Total	First	Total				
Brecon Urban	7	14	111	751	..	262	..	354	85	167	127	1878
Brynmawr Urban	1	1	72	372	..	207	..	107	129	396	220	1505
Builth Urban	7	23	41	297	..	198	..	120	76	176	188	1126
Hay Urban and Rural (Part)	17	128	78	635	..	517	..	535	207	386	295	2798
Llanwrtyd Urban and Builth Rural (Part)	6	55	31	323	..	136	..	346	60	451	132	1540
Brecon Urban and Crickhowell Rural (Part)	14	66	58	638	..	231	..	486	47	496	129	2165
Brecon Urban, Brecon Rural (Defynnog, etc.)	..	..	97	727	..	354	..	267	82	205	101	1833
Builth Rural and Hay Rural (Erwood & Llyswen)	2	21	16	162	..	95	..	187	17	183	43	726
Builth Rural (Llanwrthwl)	7	35	3	52	..	56	..	108	..	75	19	355
Builth Rural (Llysdiham, etc.)	1	11	4	38	..	13	..	61	..	16	15	159
Crickhowell Rural (Clydach and Gilwern)	2	3	100	602	..	331	..	300	53	642	130	2163
Crickhowell Rural (Darenfelen)	12	30	15	110	..	50	..	43	18	122	43	443
Brecon Rural (Part)	2	2	..	3	..	5	..	6	..	2	..	20
Vaynor and Penderyn (Rural)	38	42	124	869	..	309	..	724	104	122	539	2871
Ystradgynlais Rural (Part)	6	6	92	338	..	60	..	62	132	481	123	1300
Ystradgynlais Rural (Abercrave) and Ystradgynlais Rural (Colbren)	25	41	89	716	..	268	..	722	149	407	299	2716
TOTALS	147	478	931	6633	..	3092	..	4428	1159	4327	2403	23598

Table VII.—Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children, under Section 22, of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

(a) Numbers provided with Dental Care:—

	Examined	Needing Treatment	Treated	Made Dentally Fit
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	73	71	85	53
Children under Five ...	41	31	27	21

(b) Forms of Dental Treatment Provided:—

	Scalings and Gum Treatment	Fillings	Silver Nitrate Treatment	Crowns or Inlays	Extractions	General Anæsthetics	Dentures Provided		Radio-graphs
							Full Upper or Lower	Partial Upper or Lower	
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	18	67	...	...	306	12	37	18	...
Children under Five	...	5	...	...	40	10	...	...	...

Table VIII.—Analysis of Premature Births (Live and Still) belonging to the County, 1961.

Premature babies born during the year (whose mothers normally reside in the area) including babies born in maternity homes and hospitals in or outside the County.

WEIGHT AT BIRTH		PREMATURE LIVE BIRTHS.												Premature Still Births		
		* Born in Hospital			Born at Home and Nursed entirely at Home			Born at Home and Transferred to Hospital on or before 28th Day			Born in Nursing Home and Transferred to Hospital on or before 28th Day			Born in Hospital	Born at Home	Born in Nursing Home
		Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days	Total	Died within 24 hrs. of Birth	Survived 28 Days			
3 lb. 4 ozs. or less	5	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...
Over 3 lb. 4 ozs. up to and including 4 lb. 6 ozs.	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...
Over 4 lb. 6 ozs. up to and including 4 lb. 15 ozs.	5	...	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Over 4 lb. 15 oz. up to and including 5 lb. 8 oz.	27	...	23	6	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	47	4	37	7	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	...

* The Group under this heading includes cases born in one Hospital and transferred to another.

Table IX—Telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County.

AMBULANCE AREAS.

	1st Call (a)	Alternative Calls. (b)	(c)
(a) Brecon and District.—Including Sennybridge, Cray, Trallong, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Defynock, Llan-spyddid, Talybont, Llanfrynach, Llechfaen, Llan-hamlach, Merthyr Cynog, Llandefaelog, Llanddew, Battle, Aberyscir, Talyllyn, Llangorse, Llanfillo, etc.	Brecon 610	Crickhowell 397	Hay 19
(b) Builth and District.—Including, Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llanafan, Garth, Abergwessin, Llanganten, Llan-ynis, Maesmynis, Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam, Llan-dewi'r Cwm, Llangammarch Wells, etc.	Builth 3147	Llandrindod 2232	Hay 19
(c) Crickhowell and District.—Including, Bwlch, Llan-gynidr, Cwmdu, Gilwern, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llangattock, etc.	Crickhowell 397	Brecon 610	Brynmaur 238 Brecon 610 Hereford 4451 or Crickhowell 397
(d) Hay and Talgarth.—Including, Llanigon, Velindre, Tregoyd, Llandefalle, Bronllys, Pipton, etc.	Hay 19		
(e) Ystradgynlais, Abercrave, Penrhos, Cwmtwrch, etc.	Glantawe 2113	Gorseinon 359	Brecon 610
(f) Brynmawr, Clydach, Darenfelen, and Llanelly Hill, etc.	Brynmawr 238	Crickhowell 397	Caerleon 283
(g) Cefn Coed, Vaynor and Pontsticill	Merthyr 3715 during Office hours only— 9 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. & 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Mondays to Fridays), and 9 a.m. to 12 noon (Saturdays).	Merthyr 2855	
(h) Hirwaun, Penderyn and Ystradfellte	Pontypridd 3166	—	—
(i) Pontneathvaughan	Neath 2213	—	—
(j) Carmarthen	Carmarthen 6666	between 7.30 a.m. & 11.30 p.m. At other times dial 999 and ask for Ambu-lance.	
(k) Llandrindod	Llandrindod 2232	Rhayader 76	

N.B.—These telephone numbers are not necessarily those exhibited in Post Office Telephone Exchanges for Emergency Calls, and all persons making emergency calls are advised to carry out the instructions in Kiosks and Telephone Directories.

Table X.—Chiropody Service.

A. Details of Patients treated and number of attendances made at the individual Clinics between 1st January, 1961 and the 31st December, 1961.

CLINICS	Half-day Sessions	Patients				Attendances			
		Elderly	Physically Handicapped	Expectant Mothers	Others	Elderly	Physically Handicapped	Expectant Mothers	Others
Brecon ..	52	132	7	4	6	415	29	4	17
Brynmawr ..	12	52	..	..	3	98	..	..	3
Ystradgynlais ..	20	74	..	..	1	155	..	..	1
Abercrave ..	22	53	1	..	..	176	2	..	..
Hay ..	25	39	..	..	..	188	..	..	..
Crickhowell ..	20	76	..	..	..	182	..	..	..
Cefn Coed ..	22	55	..	..	6	178	..	..	6
Builth Wells ..	13	37	3	..	..	99	5	..	..
Gilwern ..	12	38	..	..	1	95	..	..	1
Totals ..	198	556	11	4	17	1586	36	4	28

B. Details of Domiciliary Visits:—

District	Number of Patients	Number of Visits
URBAN—		
Brecon	...	1
Brynmawr	...	6
Builth Wells	...	—
Hay-on-Wye	...	—
Llanwrtyd Wells	...	—
RURAL—		
Brecon	...	34
Builth	...	—
Crickhowell	...	10
Hay	...	9
Vaynor and Penderyn	...	12
Ystradgynlais	...	53
Totals	...	125

C. Average number of domiciliary visits made to a case : 2.98.

Table XI—

BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mental Welfare Officers

List of Mental Welfare Officers set out in districts showing the first officer to be contacted when required in that district. If unsuccessful in contacting the first officer, calls can then be made upon the second named officer, or the Public Health Department, at Brecon 780. The attached sheet shows alternative telephone numbers at which Mental Welfare Officers can be contacted when acting as Registrars of Births and Deaths.

District	Officers responsible for Area.	Second Officer to be contacted.	Third Officer to be contacted.
Brecon and Sennybridge Areas.	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 240 (Home).	Mr. W. B. Hargest, Bronllynfi, Glasbury-on-Wye Tele.: Glasbury 113 (Home)	
Hay, Talgarth and Builth Areas.	Mr. W. B. Hargest, Bronllynfi, Glasbury-on-Wye Tele.: Glasbury 113 (Home)	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 240 (Home).	
Cefn Coed, Hirwaun and Penderyn Areas.	Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home) 542.	Mr. R. I. Jones, c/o Public Health Department, Watton Offices, Brecon Tele.: Brecon 782 during Office hours, or at other times Llangorse 287 (Home)
Pontneathvaughan.	Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)	Mr. W. T. Davies, c/o Peglers Buildings, Station Road, Ystradgynlais Tele.: Glantawe 3104.	
Brynmawr and Darenfelen.	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home) 542.	Mrs. M. M. R. Lewis, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. Tele.: Merthyr 3886 (Home)	
Gilwern, Clydach and Crickhowell.	Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Office, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. Tele.: Brynmawr 254. (Home) 542.	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 240 (Home).	
Ystradgynlais.	Mr. W. T. Davies, c/o Peglers Buildings, Station Road, Ystradgynlais Tele.: Glantawe 3104.	Mr. H. G. Edwards, 13, Watton, Brecon. Tele.: Brecon 240 (Home).	

TABLE XII

Section A.

Number of patients under L.H.A. care at 31.12.61

(a) Attending day training centre ...
Awaiting entry thereto

(b) Receiving home visits
(c) Number of patients in (a) and (b) ...

Number of patients in L.H.A. area on waiting list for admission to hospital at 31.12.61

(a) In urgent need of hospital care ...
Number of admissions for temporary residential care (e.g. to relieve the family) during 1961 ...

Section B.

Referred by—

Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient treatment
Local Education Authorities
Other sources

TABLE XII		Mentally Ill												Psychopath						Subnormal						Severely Subnormal						Totals					
		Under 16 years						Over 16 years						Under 16 years						Over 16 years						Under 16 years						Over 16 years					
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F								
Section A.																																Grand Total					
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Number of admissions for temporary residential care (e.g. to relieve the family) during 1961																																Grand Total					
Section B.																																Grand Total					
Referred by—																																Grand Total					
Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient treatment																																Grand Total					
Local Education Authorities																																Grand Total					
Other sources																																Grand Total					

